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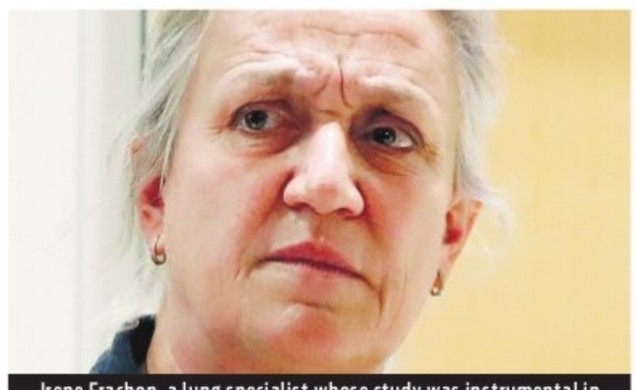

Irene Frachon, a lung specialist whose study was instrumental in highlighting the risks of the Servier pill Mediator | AP

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FRENCH PHARMA MAJOR GUILTY OF INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER

Court convicts Servier for deaths caused by Mediator, a drug used for diabetes, weightloss treatment between 1976-2009

DAMAGED HEART VALVES, KILLED AT LEAST 500

In 1999, a study linked the pill with damage of heart valves but Servier continued to push the product till 2009 before pulling it out. A French court said the firm misled consumers on the pill for decades, despite being aware of its side-effects. Experts testified that about 500 people have died due to the drug and the number may exceed 2,100 deaths eventually

BANNED BY U.S, SPAIN & ITALY BEFORE 2009

- France's medicines agency ANSM was fined 303,000 euros for delay in action, despite repeated warnings over its side effects
- Servier's former deputy boss sentenced to a suspended jail sentence of four years and fined several million euros in damages
- Mediator was used by 50 lakh people across the world till 2009 |P11

$350 mn

SETTLED OUT OF COURT BETWEEN PATIENTS, INSURANCE FIRMS AND THE PHARMA

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BSY: No lockdown, rallies banned for 15 days in state

8 BBMP zones to get an IAS officer each to monitor Covid situation

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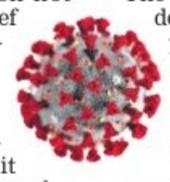
@ Bengaluru

DESPITE a surge in Covid numbers in the stare, especially in Bengaluru, the Karnataka Government is keen on not stalling normal life. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday held a meeting with senior ministers and members of the Technical Advisory Committee where it was decided that schools and colleges will remain open in the state. "No lockdown or curfew will be imposed, but all protest rallies and agitations will remain banned for the next 15 days," he said.

Given that Covid cases are increasing at an alarming rate in Bengaluru, the government has appointed an IAS officer each for the eight zones, as zonal in-charges. In the absence of corporators, pending BBMP elections, the IAS officers along with BBMP officials will lead the pandemic management initiatives, apart from vaccination drives in the eight zones.

"The positivity rate in Bengaluru was 0.94 per cent in February, but has increased to 1.94 per cent in March. We have so far administered 6.61 lakh doses of Covid vaccine. It is heartening to know that the number of cases in the slums is less. As cases are more in apartments, we are hoping to start a vaccination targeting these residential complexes," Yediyurappa mentioned.



The State Government has decided not to levy fines yet for not wearing masks, but has appealed to citizens to cooperate in the fight against the pandemic.

The government, however, has decided to go after organisers and convention hall owners where big gatherings are held. "Till now, we were levying fines on families hosting weddings if the number of guests exceeded the Covid protocols. But now, it has been decided to fine venue owners. We will shut down such venues for six months," warned Revenue Minister R Ashoka.

The same aggressiveness, however, vanished when it came to political rallies in view of the upcoming bypolls. "We will appeal to parties to also not violate norms," Yediyurappa said, when asked if political rallies will also be penalised for flouting Covid norms. P2,3

'Only Chief Secy can speak about Covid protocols'

Miffed with his cabinet colleagues issuing different statements over possible Covid-19 restrictions, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday told all ministers and senior officials that any orders related to Covid protocols and restrictions will, henceforth, only be issued by the Chief Secretary after his own approval. P2

STATE GOVERNMENT'S PREPAREDNESS

- Covid Care Centres with **100 beds** at HAL and Haj bhavan
- From **April 5**, Koramangala Indoor Stadium will have a **250-bed** Covid Care Centre
- **2 mobile, 1 static** test teams to be deployed in each ward
- **30 contacts** of each patient to be traced
- **1,166 beds** in govt hospitals of Bengaluru Rural and Urban reserved for Covid treatment
- A sum of **₹150 cr** released for Covid-19 expenditure

Chief Minister Yediyurappa and his cabinet ministers hold a review meeting to assess the prevailing Covid situation, in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

WHO's report in sync with China's position

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A joint World Health Organization-China study on the origins of Covid-19 went with Beijing's position on the chances of its leak from a Wuhan lab being extremely unlikely and concluded that the most plausible scenario was its transmission from bats to humans through another animal.

The report put together by an international team of experts and seen by the Associated Press proposed further research in every area except the lab leak hypothesis. But WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said all hypotheses on the origins remained open and needed further study.

The report is expected to be made public on Tuesday. "We've got real concerns about the methodology and the process that went into that report, including the fact that the government in Beijing apparently helped to write it," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a recent CNN interview. China hit back accusing the US of trying to pressure the WHO experts' group.

The report listed scenarios in the order of likelihood, starting with transmission from bats to another animal, which it said was likely to very likely. On direct spread from bats to humans, experts saw it as likely; while spreading to humans from the packaging of cold-chain food products was seen as possible, but not likely.

THE VERTICAL CLIMB

68,020 NEW CASES ACROSS INDIA ON MONDAY

40,414 OF CASE LOAD FROM MAHARASHTRA ALONE

Stone mining, crusher units can resume ops: Nirani

REFORMS PROPOSED BY MINES AND GEOLOGY DEPT

- GPS will be installed to monitor vehicle movements
- Safety kits will be provided to miners/ labourers
- Ex-servicemen will be recruited for security positions
- District-level staff to get walkie-talkies
- Master Control room to be set up in the head office

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE State Government has decided to allow resumption of operations of stalled stone mining and crusher units, announced Mines and Geology Minister Murugesh R Nirani, here on Monday. The closure of these units, which was the result of recent accidental blasts at quarries in Shivamogga and Chikkaballapur districts, has resulted in a revenue loss for the state, he pointed out.

Before resuming operations, owners of quarries and stone crushers have to give an undertaking to the authorities, saying they would abide by the rules and regulations and would submit a no-objection certificate (NOC) from the Centre's Directorate General of Mines Safety to use explosives safely. The circular has already been issued by the Mines and Geology Department.

Nirani said that after the two recent blasts that claimed the lives of 12 people, almost all the stone quarries and crusher units had stopped operations, leading to an estimated loss of ₹300 crore. "It had also affected construction activities and prices of raw materials had skyrocketed. The resumption will generate employment too," he added.

The state has over 2,500 stone quarries and crushing units. But less than 10 per cent of them have the NOC from DGMS to carry out blasts. The rule is not applicable for use of explosives of less than 2 kg in areas falling within five acres. Nirani said that it is impossible to operate these units without the use of explosives. But it is mandatory to get the NOC, which places tough conditions on owners to purchase, store and use explosives.

International banks lose billions after fire sale of stocks by US fund

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

WALL Street was in turmoil on Monday after two top global banks — Nomura of Japan and Switzerland's Credit Suisse — warned they could face significant losses following their exposure to an unnamed US hedge fund. The fund had defaulted last week on certain margin positions held by them and other banks, they said.

"Following the failure of the fund to meet these margin commitments, Credit Suisse and other banks are in the process of exiting these positions," Credit Suisse said.

While the banks did not name the fund, media houses identified it as Archegos Capital Management, which had liquidated billions in stocks just last week.

Archegos dumped its holdings in top Chinese companies like Baidu Inc, Tencent Music Entertainment Group and Vipshop Holding plus US giants such as ViacomCBS and Discovery after their share value fell last week. This hurt Archegos' bottom line, forcing it to seek fresh funding.

Nomura shares plunged by 16% in Tokyo after it warned of a potential $2 billion loss, while Credit Suisse shed 14%. Investor concerns drove down prices of other European banks, too. Nomura, however, said 'there will be no issues related to the operations or financial soundness'.

Swiss bank silent on quantum

Already hit by the collapse of British short-term corporate loan specialist Greensill earlier this year, Credit Suisse warned its losses could be "highly significant", without giving a figure. The bank referred to links to a US fund which had defaulted on margin calls last week

SUEZ FREE

Tugboat crews sounded foghorns in celebration on Monday after dislodging a ship stuck in Suez Canal for a week

The head of the Suez Canal Authority announced the resumption of shipping traffic in the canal, bringing relief to a tailback of over 425 vessels, which will take 4-5 days to clear

No sooner had the news of Ever Given refloating trickled out than the oil prices started easing. The 190-odd-km canal channels 10% of world trade | P14

Self-defence classes planned for girls at temples

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

IF everything goes according to plan, girls and young women in rural areas will be learning self-defence and other courses at their village temples.

Members of the Karnataka Rajya Dharmika Parishath, who are meeting in Bengaluru on April 9, are expected to recommend to the state government that the temple premises should be used to teach karate, other self-defence and music classes to girls and women in rural parts. The state has over 34,000 temples run by the Endowments Department, of which 175 are categorised as Class A (with an annual income of above ₹25 lakh), 158 as Class B (annual income of ₹5-25 lakh) and the rest as Class C (income of less than ₹5 lakh). This apart, thousands of temples are run by private trusts, organisations and individuals.

Endowments Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary said that sometime back, there was a proposal to introduce the same programme, 'Devalayagalalli Atmasthairya', for girls in villages. "But we could not go ahead because of Covid and lockdown. Now, the proposal has resurfaced. We will discuss it with officials and CM B S Yediyurappa, and take a final decision," he added.

Department sources said, "To begin with, we will look at temples which are doing well financially. We may tie up with NGOs to conduct classes, which will be held in the evenings so that regular classes of school and college-going youngsters are not disturbed. Finances are low with the government, and we may approach private companies for their corporate social responsibility funds or any NGO to run the programme."

They said that they will invoke the village deity to convince elders in the family to send womenfolk for training programmes.

HOSPITAL CARE

Pawar to go under the knife soon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mumbai

NCP founder Sharad Pawar will soon undergo surgery at a Mumbai hospital here after it was diagnosed that he has some gall bladder issue, a minister of his party in the state government said here on Monday. He is 80.

"Our party president Sharad Pawar saheb was feeling a little uneasy due to a pain in his abdomen last evening and was therefore taken to Breach Candy Hospital for a check-up. Upon diagnosis it came to light that he has a problem in his Gall Bladder," NCP leader Nawab Malik tweeted.

"He is on Blood Thinning Medication which is now being stopped due to this issue. He will be admitted to the hospital on the 31st of March 2021 and an Endoscopy and Surgery will be conducted. Hence all his programmes stand cancelled until further notice," the minister added.

NCP spokesperson Mahesh Tapase said Pawar had a medical check-up at a private hospital after complaining of abdominal pain on Sunday, while he was in Ahmedabad.

There was intense speculation on Sunday that he had a hush-hush meeting the previous day with Union Home Minister Amit Shah at a top industrialist's house in Ahmedabad. While the NCP flatly denied the interaction and blamed it on BJP's spin doctoring, Shah deflected it, saying that not everything is for public consumption.

TESTING TIMES

Postgraduate tribal girl works as farm hand to chase her KAS dream

AJITH M S @ Mysuru

FROM braving conventions to picking up a master's degree in Kannada, despite hailing from the forest fringes and resisting the tribal tradition of early wedlock, 22-year-old tribal girl **Anuradha** is now chasing the dream of becoming a Karnataka Administrative Service (KAS) officer.

But the road ahead is tough as she does not have enough money to fund her coaching classes. Picking the only option, she is now working as a farm hand at the fields to save enough for her training.

Hailing from the Thimmanahosahalli hamlet near DB Kuppe of HD Kote taluk, Anuradha is among rare tribal women who have pursued higher education. She was raised by a single mother, who was widowed at an early age but worked hard to educate her.

Anuradha told *The New Indian Express* that the plight of other tribal girls, who could not pursue education, inspired her to chase the KAS dream.

Though the Social Welfare Department has a Pre-Examination Training Centre (PETC) programme for youth aspiring for competitive exams, like IAS and KAS, she missed applying for it. "This year, the process was completely online and the last date was in December. I got to know about it late and moreover, we were struggling to make our ends meet because of the pandemic," she said.

She approached many private coaching centres, but could not afford the fees. "They ask for over ₹60,000 for coaching, apart from the stay. It is difficult to save money from the wages I get working in the fields, but I have no other option. I have been trying for a better-paying job, but so far nothing has materialised," she said.

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Anuradha

Tribal activist Shailendra of Karnataka Aranya Moola Budakattu Samudayakala Okutta said that a tribal girl like Anuradha acquiring a master's degree itself is a big achievement. "She should not be denied help to pursue her dream at any cost. If girls like her from our community emerge as successful officers, it would be liberating and inspiring for other girl children. The authorities should come forward to fund her coaching," he said.

When *TNIE* approached Prakash, the Integrated Tribal Development Programme Coordinator from Tribal Welfare Department, he said the department will take care of her accommodation at a city of her choice, but added that she may not be able to get into the PETC programme since the last date is over.

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Tuesday:** 30/03/2021 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
• **Ritu:** Sishira • **Masa:** Phalguna • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Dwitheeya 8:35 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Chittha 3:09 pm • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER | MIN 21°C | MAX 35°C | **FORECAST** Cloudy

Sunrise	6.17 am
Sunset	6.31 pm
Moonrise	8.15 pm
Moonset	7.29 am

Rail Wheel Factory recycles sand, saves costs

As a green initiative, reclamation plant set up on premises at Yelahanka

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@ Bengaluru

THE Rail Wheel Factory at Yelahanka has managed to save a huge quantity of a valuable natural resource like sand over the past one year, after installing a recycling facility. Instead of transporting sand from other states as was the case earlier, it is now self-sufficient.

The thermal sand reclamation plant was installed in March 2020 inside the wheel shop of RWF at a cost of Rs 4.25 crore, said a senior RWF official. "It recycles 25 tonnes to 28 tonnes of sand per day. In the past year, it helped us save over 5,000 tonnes of sand," he said.

RWF supplies axle and wheel sets to Indian Railways, with sand being a crucial component of the manufacturing process. To cast the mould of wheels, we need high quality sand. "Different steels are mixed and cast into a graphite mould with sand," he explained.

With sand mining banned in neighbouring states, RWF used to transport it from the beaches of Kerala, the official said. "Regular construction sand does not serve our purpose as we need a specific high quality sand. Since we had planned to commission the plant last year, we stored the used sand inside our premises to recycle it," he added.

The plus point is that recycled sand makes for an even better raw material than fresh sand, the official said. It helped the factory save nearly Rs 1.5 crore in one year. After a couple of years, they may need to mix some fresh sand in the plant, though the quantity required will be very less, he added.

During the current financial year, the factory produced 1,23,678 wheels, 60,221 axles and 50,599 axle sets as on date, reveals data from RWF. General Manager, RWF, Rajiv Kumar Vyas said, "The real saving is that we are not depleting our natural resources. Sand, like water, is a precious commodity. We don't need to dump used sand, so it's eco-friendly too."

Dry wells revived

RWF is the only establishment in the city with nine functioning wells on its campus. The process of reviving dry wells began four years ago, with remarkable results. "We require 2 lakh to 3 lakh litres of water per day, depending on the production, and used to buy treated water. We have completely stopped buying water and in the past two years, we saved Rs 60 lakh per year in water bills," an official said. The wells yield surplus water which is used for flushing and other non-potable purposes, he added.

The recycling plant facility at Rail Wheel Factory at Yelahanka | EXPRESS

RANG BARSE!

Children celebrate Holi, the festival of colours, at Basavanagudi in Bengaluru on Monday | VINOD KUMAR T

GIVE FUNDING TO BMTC, SAYS BUS COMMUTERS FORUM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BENGALURU Bus Prayanikara Vedike (BBPV), a forum of bus commuters, has urged the government to provide financial institutional support to the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation which has been hit by the pandemic.

In a Change.org petition addressed to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and Transport Minister Laxman Savadi on Monday, the BBPV reacted to reports of the BMTC's five-year rejuvenation plan. .

It urged the state government to provide funds to the corporation so that the BMTC is not forced to mortgage public properties to seek loans worth Rs 700 crore from foreign banks which often come with unknown conditionalities.

The petition said that Rs 700 did not seem sufficient for the scope and scale of the BMTC's plan, and demanded that BMTC make its complete financial requirements and how it plans to finance it public.

"Conspicuously absent are measures to make BMTC affordable for a wider section of society, especially the urban poor and two-wheeler users. If this is not already part of the agenda, we strongly urge BMTC to identify 'affordable service for all' as a key goal of its rejuvenation plan," the petition said.

BBPV said the majority of Bengaluru's bus stops do not have shelters and that it was not clear if this would be addressed in the rejuvenation plan. The BMTC's plan suggests the funds will be used to to establish a Viability Gap Funding mechanism, but it is not clear how it will be done.

Similarly, the plan was also vague about how BMTC would achieve multimodal integration with walking, cycling infrastructure or the implementation of bus lanes.

They demanded that the plan be made public, and that consultations be held with commuters, activists and experts to strengthen the corporation.

CM gags ministers, Chief Secy to issue all Covid orders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

MIFFED over his cabinet colleagues issuing varying statements over possible Covid-19 restrictions, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday issued gag orders prohibiting them from doing so.

In a two-page letter addressed to all ministers and senior officials, Yediyurappa said, "There is a need for a unified stand on the pandemic and its handling. The Union Home Ministry is the single authority for the Central government to issue orders and we in Karnataka are emulating that. In Karnataka, the Chief Secretary as the Chairman of State executive committee on disaster management will issue all orders. They will be approved and authorised only by the Chief Minister," Yediyurappa's letter said.

The letter comes at a time when Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar has been warning of an imminent lockdown despite the CM denying it multiple times.

"all Covid-19-related directives and guidelines on containment zones, travel, transport and gatherings, permitted activities, restricted activities will be issued by the Chief Secretary. While one can explain or elaborate on the issued guidelines, no ministers or officials can issue statements in the media about any additional restriction or protocol," the letter said.

Zonal in-charges

The State Government on Monday appointed an IAS officer each for the eight zones. In the absence of corporators, pending BBMP elections, the IAS officers and BBMP officials will lead the pandemic management initiatives.

Manoj Kumar Meena, Bengaluru East

Ujjwal Kumar Ghosh, Bengaluru West

Dr Ravikumar Surpur, Bommanahalli

Anbu Kumar, Yelahanka

Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Bengaluru South

Dr N Manjula, Mahadevapura

Dr PC Jaffer, Dasarahalli

Dr R Vishal, Rajarajeshwari Nagar

EDUCATION FOR ALL

Mass literacy programme planned to cover 3.2 lakh people

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AS part of the mass education programme, the state government has planned to provide literacy to 3.2 lakh people across Karnataka in the next one month. The Department of Mass education is launching a Central government-sponsored campaign 'Odhu Baraha' (Padhna Likhna Abhiyan) on April 2 to reach the target of making 3.20 lakh people literate by May 2021.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar announced this during the review meeting of the department in Bengaluru on Monday.

"The campaign will be held in 24 taluks and 219 village panchayats of Raichur, Yadgir, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura and Chamarajanagar districts," the minister said. He informed that it aims at providing literacy to 2.4 lakh illiterate women between the age of 15 to 50 and 80,000 men. The campaign is aimed at ensuring that all youths and a substantial number of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy.

There will also be a basic assessment for these people after the completion of the campaign. They will be awarded with a certificate too.

As per department data, till now, of the 1.26 crore illiterate people identified in the state, 57 lakh have become literate. "These people will be provided with skill training in the coming days," said Suresh Kumar.

The scheme will have a flexible approach and will involve innovative methodologies such as involving school and college students and other volunteers for imparting basic literacy. Massive literacy drives/projects will be implemented in tribal and forest areas, slums, minority pockets/villages/blocks, prisons, etc.

The minister directed officials to organise continuous literary programmes for village panchayat members who are illiterate, with the assistance from Rural development and Panchayat Raj Department.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

30th March: Tuesday is here again. I don't know about you, but I'm never quite sure what to make of today. It's not a day of fresh starts like Monday, but neither is it a day when you can look back and see how much you've achieved, like Wednesday or Thursday. It's a sort of middling, nothing sort of a day. But no less enjoyable for that!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Mars, your fiery ruling planet, is still forming a powerful relationship with Jupiter, lord of wisdom. We may suspect, then, that all your actions will lie perfectly in harmony with your beliefs, and are all the more successful for being so. That's the good news!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Your charitable instincts will be at their strongest. In return, you may get financial aid or other material support. You should experience tangible gains by the end of the week. Relationships with children should improve, but only if your high standards are flexible.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
It's a day for hope and optimism, and you may receive welcome relief from the stress and strain of recent days. As a thinking, intelligent person, it's your responsibility to bring rivals together, enabling them to reach agreement as soon as possible.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
In the absence of what you consider to be a genuine partnership, you may continue to work away by yourself, doing what you consider to be necessary for now. Patience is a virtue at the moment, especially if you've got a problem with people in authority.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
What a day! This is definitely the moment to climb Mount Everest, metaphorically speaking! Further education beckons and, even those of you who have no intention of becoming students, should be searching for a personal path to a massive self-improvement.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You're approaching one of those rare times of year when your solar chart is relatively immune to stressful planetary influences. Try to lay the foundations for future achievements. In love, you may want more affection than anyone can possibly give.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
If you're looking for a way out of a financial mire, investigate the possibilities of either legal assistance or help which may arrive from friends overseas. The answer, though, will not be clear for a few weeks yet. But then the wait will be worth it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Keep your mind on important matters and try to play down current emotional upsets. Too much time in the past has been spent indulging your own feelings for no good purpose. It's time to re-join the real world and assert your rightful place as one of the top people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Saturn, the most sober of all planets, stresses business matters. The sooner you rearrange your priorities and attempt to conserve your resources rather than wasting them, the better. You'll be contemplating learning a creative skill within about three months.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Make an early start if you want to make the most of the Moon's constructive alignments. Late risers will find that partners and rivals could have the advantage for the rest of the day. There could be a mystery around today involving lost information or instructions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You are entitled to feel that other people have been inconsiderate at work, yet that's no reason to do to others what they have done to you. Practice some of that noble Aquarian idealism, and impress partners with your vision of the future.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The financial possibilities are extraordinary, even though plans for domestic improvements may still be stalled. Pick your moment carefully and only move when you know you can win. Spare enough time for romantic adventures - in the biggest sense of the word.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

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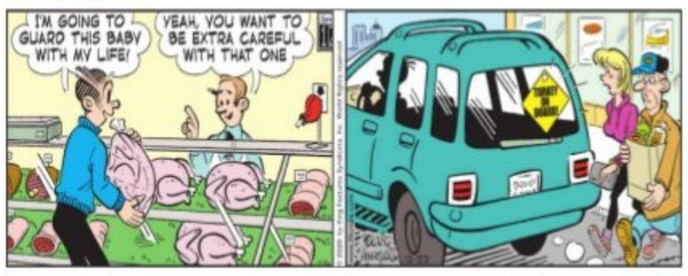

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Evil: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

■ Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

1			2			4	7	8
	7			4	5			
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						9	2	
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	5	9						
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9	6	8			2			5

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

8	1	5	2	4	6	7	3	9
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6	3	9	8	7	5	1	4	2
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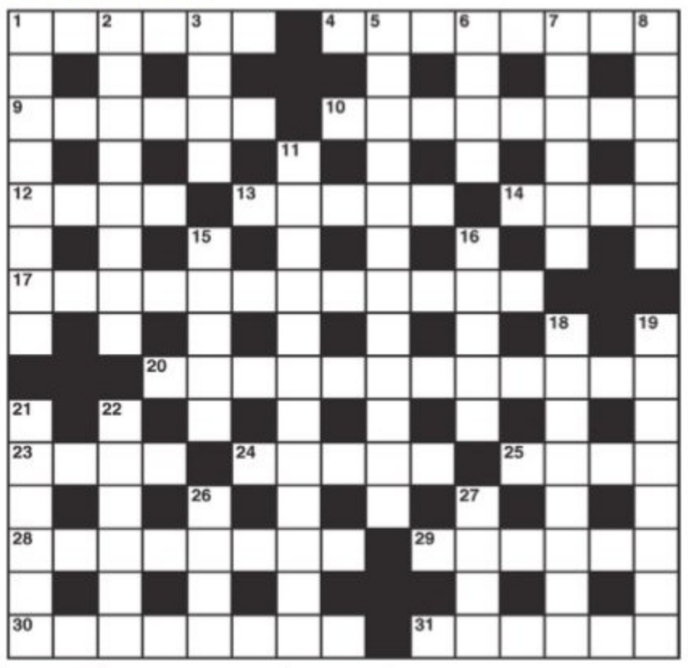
CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Reveal speculation on a source of light (6)
4 Person worthy of credibility (8)
9 Supporting feature of a newspaper (6)
10 To create a stir, try some skill (8)
12 Famous ship is short of freight (4)
13 Leggings for men (5)
14 She makes an appearance in requiem mass (4)
17 Telephone booths perhaps for incessant talkers (12)
20 Unstable gambling den? (5,2,5)
23 First mate right as always (4)
24 Ancient characters around Omagh? (5)
25 Snap Kate when out (4)
28 New respect I show those that have paid (8)
29 Policeman on the street offers lame excuse (3-3)
30 It is inclined to lie low when troubles intervene (8)
31 Tastes differ in America (6)

DOWN

1 As it happens through luck (2,6)
2 Even wired correctly it could still shock (8)
3 The purposes of first-class writing (4)
5 A company offer of a certain kind? (4,8)
6 Knight I sent up for the flag (4)
7 Early enough to make it mine (2,4)
8 A manly sort of person who isn't an expert (6)
11 Limited in one's outlook (12)
15 Pigeon perch? (5)
16 Cheap variety of fruit (5)
18 Add to the rash of escapes? (5,3)
19 It will contain a fire (8)
21 Examine closely for fallen arches (6)
22 It holds the lead throughout (6)
26 A killer disease it might be said (4)
27 An inexperienced youth could be fired (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Thumb, 4 Cyclops, 8 Arc, 9 Sentry box, 10 Caramel, 11 Organ, 13 Season, 15 Escort, 18 Panda, 19 Magenta, 21 At leisure, 23 Gin, 24 Against, 25 Noted.

Down: 1 Trances, 2 Uncertain, 3 Besom, 4 Candle, 5 Cargoes, 6 Orb, 7 Saxon, 12 Goodnight, 14 Ovation, 16 Trained, 17 Amount, 18 Plaza, 20 Green, 22 Lea.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MUDIH

CIYPK

GAHUCT

RLETEN

How long is this wind going to last?
Is it my turn?
I don't know. It could stop any minute.
HOW LONG THEIR HOMEMADE KITE WOULD STAY ALOFT WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** PRONE PHONY GENIUS JABBER
ANSWER: When they spotted the alligator on the golf course, it caused – APPREHENSION

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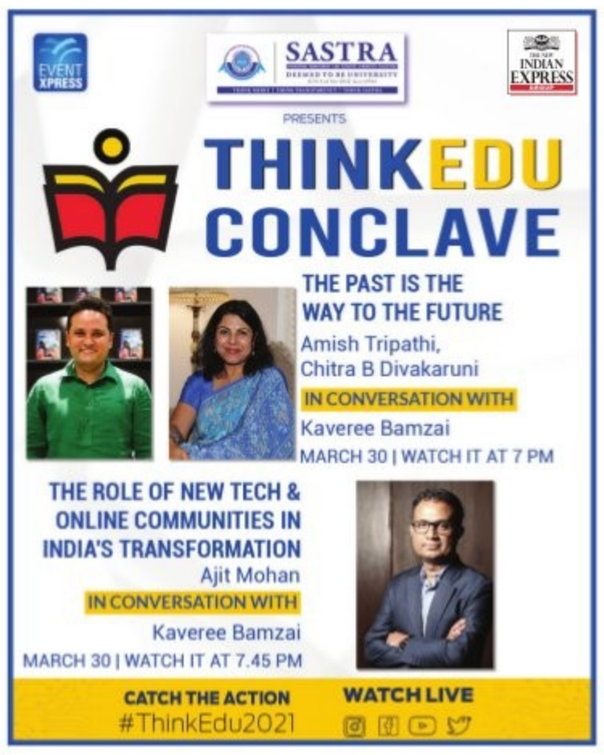
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Critical care study led by Indians lists 27 treatment strategies for coronavirus

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AN international group of experts has formulated a set of 27 strategies to address grey areas in the management of Covid-related Acute Respiratory Failure (C-ARF).

The formulations come from a Delphi survey, which aims to solve complex problems by obtaining opinions from a panel of experts, involving respiratory health experts across the world. The study, 'Expert consensus statements for the management of C-ARF using a Delphi method', was led by 39 Indians and published in the international journal Critical Care.

"C-ARF is a condition in which patients' lungs are severely affected and inflammated. It is a dreaded complication, often leading to death," said Dr Pradeep Rangappa, consultant for intensive care at Columbia Asia Hospital and one of the authors of the study.

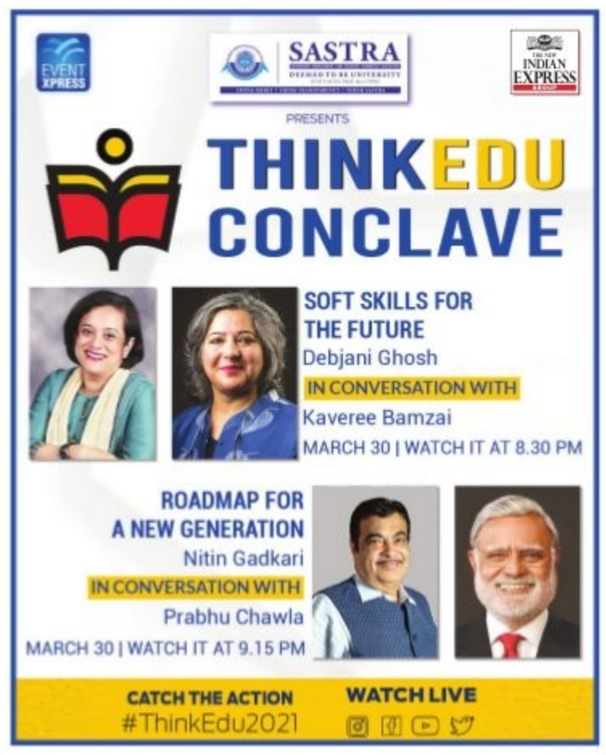
"Lack of high-quality evidence on respiratory management of C-ARF has resulted in wide variation in clinical practice," he said. This prompted them to undertake the study which agrees on standard practices to be followed in India and across the world, with a consensus among experts and scientific validation.

Dr Rangappa said that some of the recommended management techniques include systemic corticosteroids, with dexamethasone being the preferred choice. Awake self-proning – asking patients to lie on their stomachs -- to be done to improve oxygenation in patients with C-ARF who require it.

"For example, lung protective ventilation should be used for C-ARF patients. Ventilation requires complex settings and this procedure involves settings that will protect the lungs and improve recovery," he said.

Another strategy is tracheostomy – which is creating an opening in the neck to insert a tube into the windpipe. "Intubation through the mouth can be done only for 10 days. If patients require ventilation even after that, tracheostomy should be done," he explained.

Dr Rangappa, part of the tele-ICU group in Karnataka, said that many of these strategies have already been adopted by the state.



2ND WAVE CATCHES 'EM YOUNG, 20-39 AGE GROUP AT RISK

More mobility among younger people, pandemic fatigue led to pattern, say doctors

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SINCE cases began to rise mid-March, doctors in Bengaluru have observed that people aged 20-39 formed a large proportion of people contracting Covid-19, compared to the pattern in the first wave when more elderly people got the disease.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike data showed that between March 17 and 26, 2,408 people aged 20-29 years and 2,547 people aged 30-39 years tested positive. In comparison, 1,178 people aged 60-69 years and 828 people above the age of 70 years caught the infection.

A combination of factors ranging from increased transmissibility of the virus, to people's behaviour has led to this situation, doctors say.

Consultant for internal medicine at Aster CMI Hospital Dr Brunda said that they wee seeing many people in the 35-40 age group infected by the virus. "Most of them come in with fever, cold, cough, etc. Compared to the first wave, the transmission rate is much higher. Curbs such as the lockdown restricted the spread during the first wave, along with fear and anxiety of stepping out. But now with the second wave, the availability of the vaccine combined with Covid fatigue and increased movement of people has resulted in an increased transmission rate," she said.

Doctors say the vaccine may be one reason elderly people aren't being affected as much as younger people | SHRIRAM BN

She also said that vaccination could have resulted in the dip in the number of elderly people being affected. "But since we are seeing a lot of middle-aged people infected by the virus, the government should consider lowering the age bracket for vaccination to 35 years now," she said.

Dr Aravinda G M, consultant for internal medicine at Manipal Hospitals in Jayanagar estimated a 10-20% rise in patients aged 20-30 years due to increased movement in people of that age. "Many have gastrointestinal symptoms. People should start being cautious as cases are spiking. The spread of infection is also higher," he said.

Although the increased spread of the virus among younger people is worrying, Dr Pradeep Rangappa, senior consultant for critical care at Columbia Asia Referral Hospital in Yeshwanthpur, said, "It is not surprising as they move around a lot. With time, vaccines should be made available to them."

However, regardless of the age of infected people, the number of hospitalisations is still low, Dr Rangappa pointed out. "But, chances are, that in the next few weeks we will see ICU admissions and hospitalisation go up. We might see a number of deaths as we did in the first wave, but we need to ensure that we do not get into such a stage. We need to start increasing ICU beds. Many hospitals are not admitting Covid patients. The government needs to bring back the centralised (bed-management) system," Dr Rangappa said.

BREAKING IT DOWN

Genome sequencing crucial to tackle pandemic: Experts

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AS the number of cases continues to rise, health professionals say genome sequencing should be part of India's strategy to track the spread and evolution of SARS-CoV-2.

A proper genetic surveillance system is the "need of the hour", but India does not yet have one, said Dr Vishal Rao, dean of academics at HCG Cancer Care Centre and a member of the state's expert committee on Covid. "Whole viral genome sequencing allows for better understanding of the transmission of the virus, including whether it is mutating and becoming a larger threat," Dr Rao said.

While governments across the world have been on their toes since the outbreak, the detection of the "double mutant" - a combination of two mutations not seen anywhere else in the world except in India - have only added to the urgency.

"It won't take much time for the variant to be found in other states too. If we do not sample enough, we will not be able to establish whether the variant has any role to play in increased infectivity or in making Covid-19 more severe," said Dr Satyanarayana Mysore, renowned pulmonologist, Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru.

Genome sequencing of a section of virus samples by the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Consortium on Genomics (INSACOG), a consortium of 10 labs across the country, has so far revealed the presence of two mutations, E484Q and L452R together, in at least 200 samples from Maharashtra, and a handful in New Delhi, Punjab and Gujarat. INSACOG is testing about 2,400 samples per day across the country but it is not enough, doctors say.

Health worker collects a sample at Majestic Bus Stand | VINOD KUMAR T

"While the two mutations have been individually identified in other variants of SARS-CoV-2 globally, and have been associated with a reduction in vaccine efficacy and infectivity, their combined effect and biological implication has not yet been understood," Dr Rao said.

Researchers are also irked that INSACOG has not made the data of these genomes public, which includes the kind of variants that have shown up in different populations and their rates among new infections following the surge.

Dr Rao said that there is a great need for real-time genome sequencing data which the public health system can use to respond faster to outbreaks as they emerge. While the UK has been doing well on the this front, virologists in India say INSACOG faces a severe shortage of funds and staff.

Covid-19 Genomics UK (COG-UK) Consortium and the Wellcome Sanger Institute have raised £12.2m in funding from the UK's Department of Health and Social Care Testing Innovation Fund to create a real-time surveillance system of emerging outbreaks, supported by new software being developed by the Sanger Institute and researchers from the consortium's network.

But in India, INSACOG has only just started, and its labs are arranging funding on their own, said Dr V Ravi, the nodal officer of INSACOG's lab at NIMHANS in Bengaluru. "Real-time genome sequencing is a myth. Genome sequencing takes time. It is resource intensive," he said.

The process itself is simple enough, and takes between 18-24 hours. "But the volume of data it generates is so large that the system will take a long time to analyse it. After this, it has to be manually checked and matched with existing genomes and if there is a change, it can be concluded that there is a new variant. So, this process cannot be compressed into a couple of days. With the kind of resources we have now, it is impossible. One sample at present takes a minimum of a week," Dr Ravi said, adding that with more resources, it can be compressed into three days.

A sophisticated system needs to be put in place to use genome sequencing to tackle the pandemic: From collection of proper Covid positive samples with Ct value less than 25 (Ct value indicates viral load; lower the value, higher the viral load and vice versa), and prioritising clusters, travellers, and geographical representation, to genome sequencing," Dr Ravi said.

Hopefully, things will be put in place soon. It is definitely the need of the hour with cases surging

Dr Ravi, Nodal Officer, INSACOG lab, NIMHANS

Single day positivity rate jumps to 3.20 pc

The 24-hour positivity rate jumped to 3.20% for the first time this year on March 28. As many as 2,792 Covid cases were reported on Sunday, taking the state tally to 9,89,804. The positivity rate stands at 4.66%.Bengaluru saw 1,742 new cases with active cases crossing 16,000 on Monday. Sixteen deaths were reported in the state, taking the toll to 12,520. The mortality rate stands at 1.26%.

Pub closed after 11 staffers test +ve

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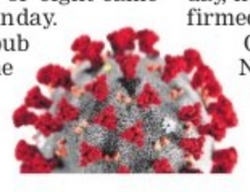
IN another cluster, 11 staff members of TOIT Brewpub in Indiranagar tested positive for Covid. Confirming the 11 cases, BBMP East zone officer Dr Siddapaji said that they were found positive during a routine check of staff employees and all of them are asymptomatic.

Mukesh Tolani, owner of the pub, told TNIE that it was not 11 staff members, but eight, who have tested positive. "We have 120 staff members. For the past six months, we have been conducting random testing of the staff every week. When they were tested on Friday, the results of eight came positive on Sunday. We closed the pub and sanitised the entire place."



He said, "We have informed the customers who came in last week and requested them to get themselves checked. We had their numbers as they had called for reservations. We are looking forward to open the place from Wednesday, however it's still not confirmed yet."

On Sunday, 1522 Pub on New BEL Road had turned into a corona cluster. There, 16 out of 87 staff members had tested positive for Covid.

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POLLS IN TN, KERALA, BUT FEVER GRIPS K'TAKA BORDER VILLAGES

Villagers stay updated on technicolour trails, political sweepstakes, go across for rallies

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THE high-voltage election drama playing out in Tamil Nadu and Kerala is having a ripple effect in the border villages of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts in Karnataka. It has raised the social temperature in the region, perking up what would have been another dull summer.

The people here are well-versed with the politics across the border, with diehard supporters adding to heated debates on caste, cadre, micro and macro issues. Residents of over 120 border villages are glued to television sets and cell phones for the latest on clashes and campaigns. There are animated discussions on whether Stalin will make it to Fort St George, or Kamal Haasan will finally arrive politically, whether Palaniswamy will prove pundits wrong, and if BJP will gain from its alliance with AIADMK. Tea stalls, salons, street corners and the village katte buzz with news and analyses, with villagers even crossing the border to attend public meetings of prominent leaders.

Though there are no voters in Bavali, Machur, DB Kuppe and other villages on the Karnataka-Kerala border, adjacent to Manathavady and Sultan Bathery assembly constituencies, the villagers feel that for the first time, there is a keen tussle between the LDF and UDF.

The people along the border areas in Karnataka, like that in Maratahalli village in Chamarajanagar, are well-versed with the politics across the border in Tamil Nadu

"We were not too curious about Parliamentary results as Congress leader Rajiv Gandhi was the frontrunner. But LDF's governance has given UDF a run for its money," said Sameer of Machur. Biju differs, and claims that UDF has an edge as the Rahul wave will help it win in Calicut and Wayanad. These villagers cross the Kabini river to reach Pulpali village, when LDF leaders hold street corner meetings in the evenings.

There is a different level of involvement in the border villages along Tamil Nadu, like Gopinatham on the banks of the Cauvery to Nala Road. Party symbols, names of candidates and parties are popular in about 90 villages, where residents flick through mobile phones to update themselves.

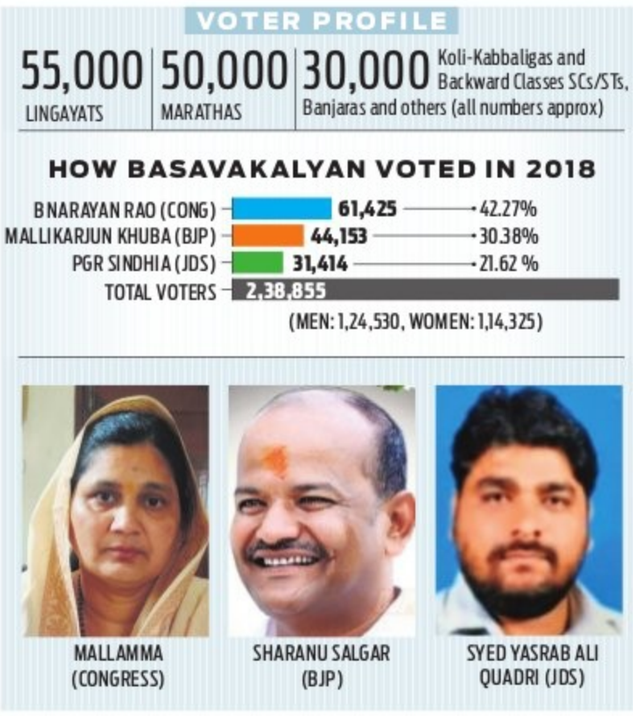
Chinnadowri and his friends, sitting under a honge tree in Punajanur, say the mood is in favour of Stalin as after 10 years, there is an anti-incumbency wave against an AIADMK bereft of former Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa. In a knowledgable tone -- he gets news and nuggets from relatives and friends in Tamil Nadu -- he says the DMK will get a wafer-thin majority.

Many labourers from Tamil Nadu have already started returning to their native towns and villages to catch the last of the technicolour drama of democracy, before they exercise their franchise.

Mani of Nellore village said the AIADMK and PMK will do well in Erode, Salem and the delta region, thanks to an ordinance increasing reservation to the Vanniyar community. Japamalai said the AIADMK, that suffered a major setback fighting Lok Sabha polls with the BJP, will again feel the heat as people are not in favour of national parties compromising their identity.

They feel that actor Rajinikant's entry into politics would have added more colour to the elections, and are keenly watching Kamal Haasan, Khushbu Sundar and others testing the political waters.

Many even cross the borders to get a feel of the mood. "I am following Tamil Nadu politics from the time of Kalaignar MGR, but this time, it is difficult to predict as there are too many players, changed caste equations and polarisation of votes," said Shakthivel, a farmer.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B NARAYAN RAO (CONG) 61,425 42.27%
MALLIKARJUN KHUBA (BJP) 44,153 30.38%
PGR SINDHIA (JDS) 31,414 21.62 %
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(MEN: 1,24,530, WOMEN: 1,14,325)
MALLAMMA (CONGRESS)
SHARANU SALGAR (BJP)
SYED YASRAB ALI QUADRI (JDS)

Basavakalyan heads for a high-voltage triangular bypoll fight

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THE stage is set for a triangular fight in the Basavakalyan assembly by-election to be held on April 17, with the BJP, Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) announcing their candidates.

The bypoll was necessitated following the demise of Congress MLA Narayan Rao, due to Covid-19 last year.

While the ruling BJP has fielded Sharanu Salgar, a Lingayat, the Congress has named late Rao's wife Mallamma as its candidate. The JDS has fielded Syed Yasrab Ali Quadri. All three are making their political debut.

Despite resentment within the BJP, Salgar has managed to get the party's nod to fight the bypoll -- the first after the formation of the Karnataka-Veerashaiva Lingayat Development Board, which the saffron party hopes will help it to woo Lingayats.Also, with the setting up of the Maratha Development Authority, the BJP has firmly set its eyes on Maratha voters. Lingayats and Marathas form a major chunk of the electorate here.

This apart, dissent is brewing within the BJP, with leaders and workers unhappy with the party fielding Salgar, an "outsider" from neighbouring Kalaburagi district. Scores of party workers recently staged a protest against Bidar MP Bhagwant Khuba, accusing him of helping Salgar get the party ticket. A few disgruntled leaders have decided to stay neutral during the campaign and a few have even threatened to contest as independents or candidates of other parties.

Meanwhile, the Congress, by fielding Mallama, hopes to ride the sympathy wave. The party is hopeful of getting the Koli community votes -- to which Narayan Rao belonged -- as well as women voters.

JDS, which hopes to make a comeback in the constituency, has fielded Quadri. The Assembly seat was won by the JDS five times (1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 and 2013).

Former CM and JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy has said he would be camping in Basavakalyan for 15 days.

Decision on RTC staffers' pay hike in a week: DyCM

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TRANSPORT Minister Laxman Savadi on Monday said that the government will soon decide on the road transport corporation (RTC) employees demand for salaries on par with the Sixth Pay Commission recommendations. He asked them to call off their proposed strike on April 7.

On Monday, CM BS Yediyurappa and Savadi, who is also the Deputy CM, held a meeting with senior officials to discuss the demands of the employees as well as alternative measures required to be taken to avoid any inconvenience to people, if employees go on strike. After the meeting, Savadi said the strike will cause inconvenience to people who have already faced hardships due to Covid-19. The strike will also impact corporations' revenues, he added.

He said they have held several rounds of talks with the senior officials of the corporations and the departments concerned. An appropriate decision will be taken within a week after analysing financial implications, he said. "We are committed to protecting employees welfare and whenever the government decides on the pay revision, it will be with the retrospective effect from January 2020 and the employees will get arrears, " he said.

In December last year, transport employees had resorted to strike. Savadi said the State Government has fulfilled eight of the nine demands.

Even as it makes efforts to convince the employees against going on strike again, the government is also making other arrangements. "A tender has been called to hire 1,500 private buses on rent. Many private operators had surrendered their permits during lockdown. Now, if the employees go on strike, free permits will be given to private operators to run services during those days," he added.

'Confident' Satish files nomination

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

KPCC Working President Satish Jarkiholi filed his nomination as Congress candidate for the April 17 by-election to Belagavi Lok Sabha seat, on Monday. Satish was accompanied by KPCC president DK Shivakumar, former chief minister Siddaramaiah, MLAs MB Patil and RV Deshpande while submitting the papers at the DC's Office.

Satish Jarkiholi accompained by KPCC chief DK Shivakumar and former CM Siddaramaiah filing his papers

What hogged the limelight was Jarkiholi wearing a green shawl (as green is considered auspicious), which was very unusual for a leader like his calibre who is vocally agnostic. Unlike the usual razzmatazz seen during the hustings, Satish filed his papers without any fanfare. Satish, who expressed confidence of a win, said, "Voters should give me a chance. I will not only work in Delhi, but also reach the villages."

When asked about the green shawl, he said, "I did not wear it to gain the sympathy of farmers. The party's kisan unit presented me the shawl."

Covid rules: Satish files 4 sets of papers

Following fresh Covid-19 rules that restrict the number of persons who can accompany a candidate while filing the papers, Satish Jarkiholi had filed his papers in four different sets. He filed the first set in the company of DK Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah. MB Patil, RV Deshpande and others accompanied him while filing the remaining sets.

District Minister J C Madhuswamy holds a meeting in Tumakuru on Monday

Dists to get new in-charge ministers to aid growth

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@Tumakuru

THERE is a new reshuffle on the cards -- district in-charge ministers are likely to be 'transferred', with the list due to be out in a couple of days.

The thinking among BJP leaders is that ministers hailing from the districts may not be able to deliver objectively, and will come under pressure from local forces. This is detrimental to the development of the district.

"The reshuffle of district ministers may happen after the bypolls," a senior leader said. "Ministers from outside the district will be able to deliver justice and take along all MLAs, ensuring development," observed a BJP minister.

In Tumakuru, Lok Sabha MP G S Basavaraju could not play a role of 'ajatashatru' within the party and take all BJP MLAs into confidence. His failure is also detrimental to the party's organisation, a leader observed.

Incumbent district minister J C Madhuswamy has been missing several events. He has restricted himself to his constituency, and interestingly, got the Centre's 'Atal Bhujal Yojana' pilot project to his native J C Pura in Chikkanayakanahalli taluk, showcasing his bias.

Appointing a minister from outside the district helps not only the party but also leads to unbiased decisions in the development of the district, analysed a leader.

Housing minister V Somanna has been the frontrunner for the post, but having identified with the G S Basavaraju faction of the BJP, it may not serve the purpose. Education minister S Suresh Kumar, who was Tumakuru district in-charge in 2008-10, was popular and may be appointed to the post again.

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>
> A BJP minister

When he was suddenly removed, his successor was Somanna, though residents were none too happy as Suresh Kumar had performed well, and got Tumakuru City Municipality upgraded to City Corporation status. DyCM Govinda Karjol and BJP leader C T Ravi expect Suresh Kumar to take charge of Bagalkote or Chikkamagaluru, but he himself is said to be comfortable with backward Chamarajanagara, which offers the potential to work. Besides, the SSLC and PU II examinations are looming up.

CD-GATE: WOMAN APPEALS TO CJ TO MONITOR CASE, SEEKS PROTECTION

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE woman involved in the CD row did not appear before the magistrate court on Monday, despite the latter allowing the petition filed by her advocate to record her statement before court.

In a three-page letter of appeal to the Chief Justice of Karnataka, the woman explained her apprehensions and fears, and urged him to personally supervise the investigation and provide adequate protection to her and her family members. Her lawyer KN Jagadish Kumar told *TNIE*, "The court listed it in the 24th ACMM court to record the statement of the victim under Section 164 of CrPC. The court asked us to produce the complainant and we will take her in shortly. The court directed the SIT investigation officer to be present before the judge while she records her statement, as he has to identify the victim."

The woman's letter says: "I am the rape victim, having filed a complaint against former minister of the Government of Karnataka Ramesh Jarkiholi in FIR 30/2021, registered before Cubbon Park Police Station...."

"Jarkiholi is a highly influential person and has already threatened me in public, and is capable of going to any extent to clear my charges against him. I have already expressed my apprehensions about frequent threats being issued to me and my parents by Jarkiholi and his followers," she says. "I have also expressed apprehensions that there is a threat to myself and my parents from Jarkiholi, who is a highly influential person... Today, I learnt that Jarkiholi used his influence through the SIT and issued serious threat to my parents and used criminal force to prevent me from appearing before the honourable magistrate in pursuing my complaint, and preventing me from making any statement against him."

She pointed out that Jarkiholi may "kill me at any place at any point of time and destroy every piece of evidence regarding commission of offence by him... The SIT is completely acting to the tunes of Jarkiholi, and the Government of Karnataka is also protecting him".

Meanwhile, the SIT issued another notice to the woman on Monday, seeking that she cooperate in the investigation. Six notices have been issued to her so far.

WOMAN UNDER DKS' CUSTODY: PARENTS

Belagavi: The family of the woman in the purported video has alleged that she has been kept in KPCC president D K Shivakumar's custody for the last 25 days. Speaking to reporters, they requested the courts not to record her statement as she is under pressure. She should be given at least four days to be with them, or kept in a place under court supervision and provided counselling, they added.

FAMILY UNDER PRESSURE: DKS

Kalaburagi: Responding to the allegations made by the woman's parents, KPCC president DK Shivakumar said that he has no links to the woman. Speaking to the media in Mudgal on his way to Maski, he said, "Let the probe happen. The family is speaking under pressure. If they have any proof, let them give it."

Congress workers protest against former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

SIT questions Jarkiholi for over four hours

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BJP MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi was questioned by Special Investigation Team (SIT) officials in connection the CD-gate controversy for more than four hours on Monday. It is learnt that Jarkiholi claimed he had no contact with the woman who has filed a complaint against him, while seeking time to answer some questions.

After an FIR was registered against the former minister in Cubbon Park police station, based on a complaint by the woman, the SIT issued a notice to him to appear before the investigation officer. Earlier, the SIT had conducted an inquiry twice after he had filed a complaint in Sadashivnagar police station.

Sources in the SIT said Ramesh Jarkiholi was questioned for more than four hours on the allegations made by the woman. "Questions like how and when did he meet the woman, for what purpose did they meet, exchange of messages and calls between them and others were asked. However, he (Ramesh) said he had no contact with the woman and claimed it's a fabricated video. For some questions, he requested 3-4 days' time as he has to consult his advocate," an official said.

"He will be summoned for inquiry again if required. Meanwhile, we are also gathering evidence in connection with both the complaints," the official added.

Congress continues protest

Congress workers held protests in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue at Maurya Circle and Cubbon Park police station, on Monday.

They alleged that the SIT was being misused by the government and demanded Ramesh's arrest.

The agitators said they will lay siege to Jarkiholi's residence if his supporters continue to make derogatory statements against KPCC president DK Shivakumar.

MGNREGA works to focus on water conservation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE rural employment guarantee scheme will focus on water conservation works to address water shortage in the state, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister K S Eshwarappa told reporters on Monday.

He said that under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme (MGNREGA), for the next 100 days, districts across the state would take up work to build rainwater harvesting pits, de-silt check dams and lakes, repair tank bunds, rejuvenate storm water drains using Google Earth, construct soak pits and krishi hondas in farms, construct tanks for livestock, create new tanks, recharge borewells, etc.

The workers who will be getting a revised pay of ₹289 per day with effect from April 1, 2021.

Eshwarappa said that in 2020-21, the government was able to provide 14.58 crore person days, the highest in five years. The government issued 7.01 lakh new jobs cards this fiscal year, taking the total to 16.68 lakh people enrolled in the scheme. As many as 2.23 lakh families had got work for 100 days, which is the highest in the past five years.

CAT asks govt to revisit ex-Mysuru DC's transfer

IAS officer B Sharath had questioned appointment of Rohini Sindhuri

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) on Monday said that the order issued by the State Government to keep the Civil Services Board (CSB) in abeyance is invalid and ineffective. The CSB was constituted to make recommendations in case IAS officers are transferred before the completion of the minimum-specified tenure of two years.

CAT made the observation while directing the Competent Authority (who is the head of the executive, CM, who holds DPAR portfolio) to revisit the order to transfer B Sharath from the post of Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru.

CAT also directed that the exercise should be completed in a month after taking the recommendations of the CSB, which should give Sharath an opportunity to present his case, before making a recommendation to the Competent Authority.

B Sharath (left) and Rohini Sindhuri

A Bench of Judicial Member Suresh Kumar Monga and Administrative Member Rakesh Kumar Gupta passed the order while disposing of the original application filed by Sharath, questioning the appointment of Rohini Sindhuri as DC of Mysuru and his posting as MD of Karnataka Silk Marketing Board Ltd on September 28, 2020.

"The Government Order dated March 12, 2014 keeping the CSB, which was constituted on January 31, 2014, in abeyance for an indefinite period is not only contrary to the directions given by the Supreme Court in Subramanian's case, but it is also in defiance of a mandate given by the Indian Administrative Service (Cadre) Amendment Rules, 2014 which, in any case, were promulgated by the Central Government in consultation with the State Governments concerned while deriving the powers from the provisions of Section 3 (1) of the All India Services Act," CAT said.

After holding the government order of March 12, 2014, as invalid, it said, "We would have straightaway quashed the applicant's transfer order, being in violation of the provisions of the '1954 Rules' as amended up to date, but we are constrained to put a restraint by posing a question to ourselves as to whether this Tribunal can enter into the arena of the competent authority in the matter of transfer and postings of the members of the All India Services."

MONEY FOR V-C POST

Rama Sene prez held for cheating, threatening prof

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

MANGALURU city police on Monday arrested Rama Sene state president **Prasad Attavar** over allegations that he received Rs 17.5 lakh from a Mangalore University professor after promising him the post of Raichur University vice-chancellor, and then threatened him when he demanded his money back. It may be noted that Attavar is the main accused in the infamous Mangaluru pub attack case of 2009.

According to the complainant Dr M Jayashankar, professor of microbiology and Director of College Development Council, Mangalore University, one Vivek Acharya introduced him to Attavar, who claimed to be well-connected to political leaders. He reportedly showed several pictures of him with CM B S Yediyurappa, his son and state BJP general secretary B Y Raghavendra, state BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel and others to convince the professor about his high-level contacts.

Mangaluru City Police Commissioner N Shashi Kumar stated that Attavar demanded Rs 30 lakh from Jayashankar for the V-C post at the new Raichur University, for which he took Rs 17.5 lakh in cash and three blank cheques for the remaining amount. However, when another candidate was appointed as the V-C four months ago, Jayashankar requested Attavar to return his money, but the latter allegedly abused and threatened him. Subsequently, Kankanady police arrested Attavar.

Meanwhile, Mangalore University V-C Prof Subramanya Yadapadithaya said he will seek legal opinion and place the issue before the Syndicate.

EXPRESS READ

Five held for trying to sell parakeets

Bengaluru: Basavanagudi police have arrested five men for allegedly trying to sell rose-ringed parakeets, and have rescued 52 birds. "All parakeets are juveniles and sub-adults which were snatched from their nests. They were taken from the border areas of Karnataka and AP," police said. The accused have been booked under the Wild Life (Protection) Act.

Miscreants set forest on fire

ENS @ Mysuru

MORE than 16 acres of forest have been destroyed in Karya Siddeshwara hill in a fire on Sunday night. Miscreants had set fire and villagers, who noticed the smoke, alerted forest officials.

Forest personnel along with two fire engines managed to douse the blaze and averted a major tragedy in the hill that has an impressive deer population. Some trees were damaged.

RFO Rakshit said timely intervention contained the damage, and they were able to manage the fire as there was no wind. He said that they have stepped up patrolling and have appealed to people to keep a vigil on the movement of miscreants near the forest area.

It may be recalled that hundreds of acres of forest were destroyed at Ummattur hills in a fire last week.

DEPARTMENT OF POST, INDIA
OFFICE OF THE MANAGER, MAIL MOTOR SERVICE
CTO Compound, Tallakulam, Madurai - 625 002

No. DMS / 50 / Ch IX Dated at Madurai 625 002 the 30.03.2021

Applications are invited, from the eligible candidates for filling up of following posts in O/o of the Manager, Postal Mail Motor Service, Madurai-625 002. Last date for receipt of application is 30.04 .2021 up to 17.00 hours

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of vacancy	Age limit	Category	Pay Scale
1.	Tyreman (Skilled Artisan)	1	Between 18 to 30 years of age as on 01.07.2021	UR	Level 2 In Pay Matrix As per 7th CPC Rs.19,900- 63,200
2.	Blacksmith (Skilled Artisan)	1	Between 18 to 30 years of age as on 01.07.2021	UR	Level 2 In Pay Matrix As per 7th CPC Rs.19,900- 63,200
3.	Staff Car Driver (Ordinary Grade)	2	Between 18 to 27 years of age as on the last date for receipt of applications from the Candidates in India (Relaxable upto Five years for SC candidates)	UR & SC	Level 2 In Pay Matrix As per 7th CPC Rs.19,900- 63,200

The other details ie. Eligibility conditions, Application format for the above Posts and instructions to candidates etc., can be downloaded from "tamilnadupost.nic.in" and India post website "www.indiapost.gov.in"

Manager
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Madurai-625 002

(UNDER RULE 53 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE INCOME TAX ACT 1961)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES (BANKING DIVISION),
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II,BENGALURU
JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, NO-4, RESIDENCY ROAD, BANGALORE-560 025
Dated: 26.03.2021 **FORM No.**22 [See Regulation - 37(1)]
REGISTERED A/D / DASTI / AFFIXATION / BEAT OF DRUM
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SALE PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, AT BANGALORE
T.R.C.No.342/2017 IN O.A.No.457/2000

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULES 38, 52(2) OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANK AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993

Between: HDFC Bank Ltd
And : M/s Dr.B.M.THIPPESWAMY MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND OTHERS

To,
1. **Dr.B.M.Thippeswamy Memorial Educational Institutions**, # 103, 6th Cross, Kumara Krupa West, Bangalore-560 020.
2. **Dr.B.T.Mallikarjuna**, # 103,6th Cross, Kumara Krupa West, Bangalore-560 020.
Represented by Legal Heirs, Smt B M Pushpalatha, W/o Late B.T.Mallikarjuna R/a 6th Cross, Subbareddy Building, 1st Floor, Behind PVS Nursing Home, JCR Extension, Chitradurga-577501
Sri.B M Rahul, S/o Late B.T.Mallikarjuna R/a 6th Cross, Subbareddy Building, 1st Floor, Behind PVS Nursing Home, JCR Extension, Chitradurga-577501
Sri B M Nakul, S/o Late B.T.Mallikarjuna R/a 6th Cross, Subbareddy Building,1st Floor, Behind PVS Nursing Home, JCR Extension, Chitradurga-577501
3. Smt B M Pushpalatha, W/o Late B.T.Mallikarjuna, # 103, 6th Cross, Kumara Krupa West, Bangalore-560 020. : **Certified Debtors**

Whereas you has/have failed to pay the sum of **Rs.1,52,78,510.00 (Rupees One Crore Fifty Two Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ten Only)** payable by you / him in respect of Recovery Certificate in OA.No.457/2000 By the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore and the interest and costs payable as per certificate.

And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said certificate.

And whereas there will be due there under a sum **Rs.62,34,29,319.56 (Rupees Sixty Two Crore Thirty Four Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen and Paise Fifty Six Only)** including costs and interest thereon as on 24-03-2021 along with future interest and costs till realization (Note: Any recovery/amounts paid in respect of the loan, dues lying with DRT, Bangalore or with the certificate Holder Bank, which are recovered by other modes of recovery, shall be adjusted to the loan dues at the time of closure of the cases).

Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold on **04/05/2021 between 11:00 am to 12:00 noon by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "On line Electronic Bidding" through the website http://www.bankeauctions.com of "M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd",email Id:karnataka@c1india.com, support@bankeauctions.com, contact person Gangadhara Nayak. Mob:9900711744**

For further detail contact: Mr. Srivathsan Varadhan, Senior Manager, Recovery HDFC Bank Ltd, Department for Special Operations, No.7 & 7/1, Essel Chambers, 2nd Floor, Lalbagh Road, Richmond Circle, Bangalore - 560027; Phone / Mobile :- 7022570664.

The sale will be of the property of the defendant above named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.

The property will be put up for the sale in the lots specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale also be stopped if, before any lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.

No officer of other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made there under and to the further following conditions.

That The Certificate Holder submits that Borrower has not paid the property tax for the mortgage property for a sum of Rs.25,63,758/- (Rupees Twenty five Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight only) is due to BBMP including the interest.

The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.

1. The reserve price below which the properties (schedule mentioned below) shall not be sold is Rs.12,71,34,800/- in respect of properties described in Schedule as A & B.

2.The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be Rs.10,00,000/- In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put up to auction.

3.The Prospective bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the bank and verify the latest encumbrance certificate and other Reveune/Municipal records to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves on the title and encumbrances, if any, over the properties.

4. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot provided that further that the amount bid by him is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the undersigned to decline/accept the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so.

5. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% of Reserve price of the property which shall be Rs.1,27,13,480/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Seven Lakh Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Only) through RTGS/NEFT directly into the current Account No. 6735242318 the name of RECOVERY OFFICER-1, DRT-2 of Indian Bank,Richmond Road, Bengaluru having IFSC Code No.IDIB000R018 on or before 29.04.2021 or by way of DD/pay order in favour of Recovery Officer-1, DRT-II, Bengaluru in O.A.No.457/2000 (TRC.No.342/2017). The intending bidder should submit the quotation along with copy of PAN Card, address proof & ID, E-mail ID, Mobile number and in case any other document confirming representation / attorney of the company the receipt/counterfoil of such deposit/Demand Drafts towards EMD in sealed cover by 3.00 p.m. On 29.04.2021 to Recovery Officer-1,DRT-II,Bengaluru.The sealed cover should be superscribed with Quotation for participation in e-auctionin TRC No.342/2017 in O.A.No.457/2000. The tender forms may be collected from the Bank Office or the office of the DRT. EMD deposited thereafter shall not be considered for participation in e-auction.

6. The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% of the sale proceeds** after adjustment of EMD on being knocked down by next date i.e. **05.05.2021 by 3:00 P.M. In the said account as per detail mentioned in para 5 above.** If the next day is Holiday or Sunday, then on next first office day.

7. The purchaser shall deposit the balance **75% of the sale proceeds on or before 15th day** from the date of sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the **15th day be Sunday or other Holiday,** then on the first office day after the 15th day by prescribed mode as stated in para 5 above. **In addition to the above, the purchaser shall also deposit Poundage Fee with Recovery Officer-1, DRT-II, Bangalore at 2% upto Rs.1000/- and @ 1% of the excess of the said amount of Rs.1000/- through Online by visiting Website:http://www.bharatkosh.gov.in and submit a copy of receipt for verification and record purpose to Recovery Officer-1, DRT-II, Bengaluru.**

8.The Prospective bidder are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Bank and verify the latest Encumbrance Certificate and other Reveune / Municipal records to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves on the title and encumbrance, if any over the property.

In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, shall be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold. The property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale.

The property is being sold on **"AS IS WHEREAS IS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at anytime without assigning any reason.

No of Lots	Description of the property to be sold with the names of the co-owners where the property belongs to defaulter and any other person as co-owners.	Reserve Price/EMD	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part there off	Details of any other encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property, and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value. 1.2.3.4.5
1	**SCHEDULE-A** All that piece and parcel of built up area of about 3950 square feet on northern portion of land measuring about 9000 square feet out of the total land situated at property No.43, Kaneshmari No.68/326, Nagarabhavi Road, Nagarabhavi Gramatana, Mallathahalli Gram Panchayat, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Land measuring east to west (165+195)/2 and north to south 100 feet bounded on the East by: Remaining site of Shri Kempaiah, West by : 80 feet Nagarabhavi Main Road, North by : Building of Sri. Ramachandra, South by : Property sold to Smt. B.M.Pushpalatha. **SCHEDULE-B** All that piece and parcel of built up area of about 3427.50 square feet on Southern portion of land measuring about 9000 square feet out of the total land situated at property No.43, Kaneshmari No. 68/326, Nagarabhavi Road, Nagarabhavi Gramatana, Mallathahalli Gram Panchayat, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Land measuring east to west (165+195)/2 and north to south 100 feet bounded on the East by: Remaining site of Shri Kempaiah, West by : 80 feet Nagarabhavi Main Road, North by : Remaining portion of Sri.B.T.Mallikarjuna's, South by : Remaining portion of Sri.Kempaiah	Reserve price Rs.12,71,34,800/- (Rupees twelve crores seventy one lakh thirty four thousands eight hundred only) EMD - Rs.1,27,13,480/- (Rupees One Crore twenty seven lakh thirteen thousand four hundred eighty only)	Rs.25,63,758/- Dues towards the property tax to BBMP	NIL	NIL

Auction Schedule	
Date and Time of Auction	04/05/2021 Between 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon
Reserve Price	Rs.12,71,34,800/- (Rupees Twelve Crore Seventy One Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.1,27,13,480/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Seven Lakh Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Only)
Last Date and Time of E-Tender form & EMD Submission	29/04/2021 15:00:00
Bid Increment Amount	Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Only)

Given under my hand and seal on this 26th Day of March 2021.

Recovery Officer -1
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
Bengaluru

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE
No.4, 1st Floor, 'Jeevan Mangal' (LIC Building), Residency Road, Bengaluru-560 025.

O.A. No. 731/2020

BETWEEN: Canara Bank ... Applicant
AND: Mr. Mohan Kumar & Ors ... Defendant

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

1. Mr. Mohan Kumar J, S/o Jagadish C, No. 33/3, Mallikarjunappa Galli, K.R. Shetty Pete, J.M. Road Cross, Avenue Road, Bangalore-560 002.

2. Mrs. Pavithra B.M., W/o. Mohan Kumar J, No. 33/3, Mallikarjunappa Galli, K.R. Shetty Pete, J.M. Road Cross, Avenue Road, Bangalore- 560 002.

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs. 45,05,055.29/- (Rupees forty five lakhs five thousand fifty five and paise twenty nine only) as on 31.03.2020 together with current and future interest and for other reliefs.

Take notice that you are hereby required to appear before this Tribunal to show cause on **11/05/2021** at 10.30 A.M. in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice of interim relief sought.

Take notice that in case of default the application/ interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on 19-02-2021.

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE
No.4, 1st Floor, 'Jeevan Mangal' (LIC Building), Residency Road, Bengaluru-560 025.

O.A. No. 534/2020

BETWEEN: Canara Bank ... Applicant
AND: Mr. Saravana Kumar P & Ors ... Defendant

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, **1. Mr. Saravana Kumar P** S/o Palaniandi, No. 18, II Floor, Sai Dyam G Street, 6TH Cross, Jogapalya, Halasur, Bangalore-560 008. **2. Mrs. Bhagavathi S** W/o. Saravana Kumar P, No. 18, II Floor, Sai Dyam G Street, 6TH Cross, Jogapalya, Halasur, Bangalore-560008. **3. M/s. Kasireddy Nayana Builders,** A partnership firm registered under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 having its address at No.222, 11th Main, NRI Layout, Kalkere, Bangalore 560 043. **4. Mr. Mallesh Reddy** S/o Late Seetharam Reddy, Partner of M/s. Kasireddy Nayana, Having address at: No. 222, 11th Main, NRI Layout, Kalkere, Bangalore 560 043. **5. Mr. Bramhananda Reddy** S/o J. Timma Reddy, Partner of M/s. Kasireddy Nayana Having address at: No. 222, 11th Main, NRI Layout, Kalkere, Bangalore 560 043. **6. Mr. N Lakshmesh** S/o Hanumanthappa, R/a; 56, 2nd Cross, Palmpeak layout, NRI Layout, Ramamurthy Road, Bangalore 560016. **7. Mrs. Soubhagyalakshmi** W/o Sri Ramesh Kumar N, R/at No. 18 RGP, 17 th Cross, Sir M V Road, TC palya Road, Ramamurthy Road, Bangalore 560016.

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs. 40,52,398.98/- (Rupees forty lakhs Fifty two thousand three hundred ninety eight and paise ninety eight only)as on 31.03.2020 together with current and future interest and for other reliefs.

Take notice that you are hereby required to appear before this Tribunal to show cause on **11/05/2021** at 10.30 A.M. in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice of interim relief sought.

Take notice that in case of default the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on 19-02-2021.

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore.

High Court of Karnataka
High Court Buildings, Bengaluru-560 001

No.: HCRB/CJR-1/2021 Date: 27.03.2021

CIVIL JUDGES RECRUITMENT

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates **for the post of Civil Judges under the Karnataka Judicial Services (Recruitment)** Rules, 2004 and (Amendment) Rules, 2011, 2015 & 2016. The last date for submission of Online applications is **27.04.2021 (11.59 P.M.).** For details please refer to Notification No.HCRB/CJR-1/2021 dated 26.03.2021 published in the Official Gazettee dated 26.03.2021 of Government of Karnataka (Part-V) and also High Court website at **www.karnatakajudiciary.kar.nic.in**

Sd/-
(Manjunath Nayak)
Registrar (Recruitment)

DIPR/DDU/90/MCA/2020-21

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Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.,
Corporate Office: Ground Floor, BMTC-TTMC Bus Stand, Yeshwanthpur Circle, Bangalore-560 022.
Tel: 080-43344334, Fax: 080-43344376, www.kstdc.co

No.KSTDC/15/TPT/2018-19/2701/2020-21 Date: 29-03-2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Limited, Bangalore invites Re-tender for sale of old and used KSTDC 14 Vehicles through E-Auction

Tender No: **KSTDC/2020-21/AUCTION7.** Description: **Tender for sale of old and used KSTDC 14 Vehicles through E-Auction.** EMD: **Rs.30,000/-.** Date & Time of Auction: **19-04-2021 at 10.00 Hrs. to 16.00 Hrs.**

The detailed tender dcouments are available in the **website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** For any furhter clarifications contact **+91-80-23010900, +91-80-23010901, Email support: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**

Sd/-
General Manager (Admin),
KSTDC

DIPR/DDU/AAPL/RO.3263/2020-21

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NMDC Limited
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)
'Khanij Bhavan', 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500028
CIN:L13100TG1958GOI001674.

CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

Tender Enquiry No: HO(Contracts)/ES/NMDC OFF/ND/NBCC Comp/ 2021/242 Dt. 30/03/2021 (MSTC Ref. No.: NMDC/HO/3/21-22/ET/9)

NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites **online bids** from prospective bidders for the work of **"Refurbishment of NMDC Office at 5th and 6th Floor of Plate-C, Office Block-II and at Type V-A6 & B6 Flats in Tower-19 at NBCC Complex, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi".**

The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and /or downloaded from **30-03-2021, 11.00Hrs. to 26-04-2021, 15.00Hrs. from following website links;**

1. NMDC website–**https://www.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender/default.aspx**
2. Central Public Procurement Portal–**https://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app** and search tender through tender enquiry number
3. MSTC portal-https:**//www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/buyer_login.jsp** For further help refer to **'vendor guide'** given in MSTC website.

The bidders are requested to submit their bids online through MSTC Limited website. The details of submission of bid through online are given in NIT. The Bidders on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website/CPP Portal/ MSTC website for corrigendum, if any, at a future date.

For further clarification, the following can be contacted Chief General Manager (Contracts), NMDC Limited Hyderabad, Fax no. +91-040-23534746, Tel No. +91-040-23532800, email: **contracts@nmdc.co.in**

Chief General Manager (Contracts)

हर एक काम देश के नाम इस्पाती इरादा

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru- 560 020

No. BDA/EE-West/work_TN-01/20-21 Date: 25.03.2021

INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDER

(Through GoK e-Procurement platform https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

Item rate tenders are invited through e-Procurement Tendering System for the following works by the Executive Engineer, BDA, West Division, Vijayanagar, BDA Complex, Bengaluru-40, on behalf of the Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru, from Class-I or equivalent Contractors registered with KPWD/BDA/NH/MES/Railways.

Name of the work: Construction of RCC Drain in 4th Block of Sir M.Visveshwaraiah Layout. Approx. cost put to tender : **Rs. 6.90 lakh (Including GST).**

For further details, please log on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or call e-Procurement Help desk on 080-46010000/22631200.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, West Division, BDA, Bengaluru

BDA/PRO/TN/45/2020-21

The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd
No.73/1, Gandhi Bazar Main Road, Bangalore - 560 004. Telephone : 2242 1999, 2661 9950. 2661 8092, 2661 8093, Fax 2661 9950 E-mail: admin.ao@ncbl.org.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized officer of The **National Co-operative Bank Limited** under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 21.12.2020** calling upon the **borrower : Sri. Pradeep Babu H.S Pro. M/s Shree Kamakshi Motors and the Co-Obligant Smt. Rashmi Pradeep,** both are residing at No. 269, Sharab Munishamappa Layout, Old Madras Road, Hoskote-562114, to Repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.9,30,80,080/-(Rupees Nine Crores Thirty Lakhs Eighty Thousand Eighty only)** with interest from **01.12.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower and the co-obligants having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-obligants and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule on this **25.03.2021.**

The borrower and the co-obligants in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The National Co-operative Bank Limited** for an amount of **Rs.9,30,80,080/- (Rupees Nine Crores Thirty Lakhs Eighty Thousand Eighty only)** and interest thereon from **01.12.2020.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : Schedule - A : 1) Primary Security :- Hypothication of stock of Two Whelers and Spares Stored in Showroom situated at Hoskote, Kolar, Bangarpet, KGF and Mulbagalu, Bill receivables, Furniture Fixture and other Moveable Assets.

Schedule - B : (2) Collateral Security :- (1) No.1067/859/2611/01, Sharab Munishamaiah Layout, Old Madras Road, Hoskote, Measuring East to West - (45+66)/2 Feet North to South - (103+91.5)/2 Feet, totally Measuring 5397 Sq.ft Land Area with total Builtup area of 9600 Sq.ft. SCHEDULE : East By : Property Belongs To Sharab Munishamaiah Trust, West by : Property of Sanjeeva Murthy, North by : Property of Suresh Babu H.V. South by : Old Madras Road.

(2) No. 1069/861/2611/03, Sharab Munishamaiah Layout, Old Madras Road, Hoskote, Measuring East to West : 60 feet, North to South -36.50 Feet, tottally Measuring 2190 Sq.ft. Land Area with total Builtup area of 2400 Sq.ft. Schedule : East by : Road, West by : Indian Petrol Bunk, North by : House of Abbas Khan, South by : Property of Sajeev Murthy H V.

(3) NO. 1070/862/2611/04, Sharab Munishamaiah layout, Old Madras Road, Hoskote, Measuring East to West : 60 feet and North to South : 36.50 Feet, Tottally Measuring 2190 Sq.ft. Land area with total builtup area of 2700 Sq. ft. SCHEDULE : East by : Road, West by : Indian Petrol Bunk, North by : House of Abbas Khan, South by :Property of Sajeev Murthy H V.

(4) No. 1071/863/2611/05, Sharab Munishamaiah Layout, Old Madras Road, Hoskote, Measuring East To West - (32+31)/2 Feet to North to South - (57+67)/2 Feet, Totally Measuring 1953 Sq.ft. Land Area with total Builtup area of 2000 Sq.ft. (1000 Sq.ft. RCC, 1000 Sq.ft. AC - Sheet) SCHEDULE : East by : Property Belongs to Sharab Munishamaiah Trust, West by : Road, North by : House of Rajamma P. South by : Property of Suresh Babu H V.

(5) No. 1072/864/2611/06, Sharab Munishaiah Layout, Old Madras Road, Hoskote, Measuring East to West : (35+39)/2 Feet and North to South - (47+57)/2 Feet, totally measuring 1924 Sq.ft. Land Area with total Builtup area of 2000 Sq.ft. 1000 Sq.ft. RCC, 1000 Sq.ft. AC - Sheet) SCHEDULE : East by : Property Belongs to Sharab Munishamaiah Trust, West by : Road, North by : House of Rajamma P, South by : Property of Suresh Babu H V.

(6) Site Nos. 49,50,51,52 & 53 situated at Sri. M. Vishweshwaiah Layout, Ganakallu Road, Hoskote Twon, Bangalore Rural, Measuring East West - 30 Feet North to South : 200 Feet, Totally Measuring 6000 Sq.ft. Land Area with total Builtup area of 26000 Sq.ft. SCHEDULE : East by : Property of Venkatarammannappa, West by : 20 feet Road, North by : Road, South by : Property of Narasamma.

Date : 25.03.2021
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that my Client is intending to purchase the residential site bearing Site No.184, Katha No.3381, BBMP Katha No.300/3381/184, situated in the Layout known as Kammanahally II Phase, Bannerghatta Road, formed by the Customs & Central Excise House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., at Kammanahally Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently coming under the jurisdiction of the Bruhut Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, BBMP Ward No.192, Bangalore. measuring East to West 80 Feet and North to South 50 feet, totally measuring about 4000 Square feet, more fully described in the Schedule hereunder, from its present owners Mrs. Kamala Sangameshwaran and Mr. Sridhar Sangameswaran, residents of Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai.

Any person or persons having any claim or objections Whatsoever in respect of the proposed sale of the schedule property, may lodge their claim/objections with the undersigned, within **10 days** from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property treating that there are no claims/objections to the proposed purchase.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential site bearing Site No.184, Katha No.3381, BBMP Katha No.300/3381/184, situated in the Layout known as Kammanahally II Phase, Bannerghatta Road, formed by the Customs & Central Excise House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., at Kammanahally Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently coming under the jurisdiction of the Bruhut Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, BBMP Ward No.192, Bangalore, measuring East to West 80 Feet and North to South 50 feet, totally measuring about 4000 Square feet and bounded on; East by : Road, West by: Site No.195, North by: Private Property, South by: Site No.185.

T. KRISHNA, Advocate
No. 212, 3rd Cross, I Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to Notify the General Public that, I have filed the Original Suit in O.S No.1170/2020 in the Court of the City Civil Judge, Bangalore against the owners of the Schedule Property i.e. **Mrs. Munithayamma** W/o Late. N. Narasimha Murthy, R/at. No. 236, Government School Road, Jakkur Village & Post, Bangalore North (Addl.) Taluk for the recovery of money a sum of Rs.3,25,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Twenty Five Lakhs only) with interest as per Section 34 of the Code of Civil Procedure from 02/04/2019 to till actual payment. The Schedule Property is also sought for the attachment before Judgment by way of Separate Application.

The Apartment is Constructed on the Schedule Property in the name and Style of "PELICAN GROVE" facing Jakkur lake. Therefore, it is hereby notified to the General Public that, in view of the above facts, dealing/purchasing the schedule property would be at their risks, costs and consequences and if they are still dealt/purchase with, they are not entitled to claim equity in the Court of Law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the peace and parcel of the Residential Converted Land bearing Sy.No.19/1 measuring 36 Guntas of Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North (Addl.) Taluk bounded on :-

EAST by: Land bearing Sy.No.23, **WEST by:** Land bearing Sy.No.20, **NORTH by:** Land bearing Sy.No.18 and **SOUTH by:** Land bearing Sy.No.19/2.

Mr. N. SUBRAMANI S/o Mr. V. Nagarajappa, R/at No. 5, Venkateshpura Village, Yelahanaka Hobli, Jakkur Post, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-64.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that my Client is intending to purchase the residential site bearing Site No.151, Katha No.3128, situated in the Layout known as Kammanahally II Phase, Bannerghatta Road, formed by the Customs & Central Excise House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., at Kammanahally Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently coming under the jurisdiction of the Bruhut Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, BBMP, Bangalore, measuring East to West 70 Feet and North to South 60 +62.5/2 feet, totally measuring about 4287.5 Square feet. more fully described in the Schedule hereunder, from its present owner Smt. Shylashri Shanker, Resident of Poes Garden, Chennai.

Any person or persons having any claim or objections whatsoever in respect of the proposed sale of the schedule property, may lodge their claim/objections with the undersigned, within **10 days** from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property treating that them are no claims/objections to the proposed purchase.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential site bearing Site No.151, Katha No.3128, situated in the Layout known as Kammanahally II Phase, Bannerghatta Road, formed by the Customs & Central Excise House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., at Kammanahally Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently coming under the jurisdiction of the Bruhut Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring East to West 70 Feet and North to South 60+62.5/2 feet, totally measuring about 4287.5 Square feet, and bounded on; East by : Site No.152, West by : Site No.150, North by : Road, South by : Site No.157.

T. KRISHNA, Advocate
No. 212, 3rd Cross, I Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011.

THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Hutti-584 115, Dist: Raichur, State: Karnataka, Ph: 08537-275740/276339/275463
e-Mail: material276339@gmail.com Website: www.huttigold.co.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 62/2020-21 Date: 28.03.2021

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited by "The I/c Dy. General Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following goods from reputed manufacturers/authorized dealers, as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description	Qty.	Approx. Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1	AMC for PLC, HMI and SCADA **HGML/SERVICE/71/2020-21**	---	8.61
2	Hydro Cyclone Feed Slurry Pump. **HGML/2020-21/INDENT3069**	2 Nos.	40.03
3	Supply of 8"insert Flange neck. **HGML/2020-21/INDENT3060**	200 Nos.	5.60
4	Design Engineering, Manufacture, Erection and Commision of Pit Bottom Buffer for Central Shaft. **HGML/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT305**	---	25.66
5	Supply of Slurry Pump CHD-450-100(HC) **HGML/2020-21/IND3070**	2 Nos.	14.34
6	Health Check up of EOT/HOT Cranes and chain pulley bloc. **HGML/SERVICE/117/2019-20**	---	7.45
7	Supply of 4 inch Sala Vasa Vertical Slurry Pump. **HGML/2020-21/IND3075**	2 Nos.	6.91
8	Supply of SS Screen 20 mesh. **HGML/2020-21/IND3074**	1000 mtrs.	10.08

(1) Last date for receipt of tender: **12.04.2021 at 4.00 P.M. (2)** Opening of Technical Bid on: **15.04.2021 at 10.00 A.M.** Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement portal only & tender processing fees as per e-Portal norms. Please visit website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for submitting the bid. Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- I/c Dy. General Manager (Materials)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public, that My clients Mrs. Muneera Shafi @ Muneera, wife of A.M.M.Shafi, Mr. Moosa Shafi Nabeel @ Nabeel Moosa, Mr. Moosa Shafi Naufal and Mr. Moosa Shafi Nihaal @ Nihaal Moosa, all are children of A.M.M.Shafi, all are R/a No.95, 1st Block, 1st Stage, HBR Layout, Bangalore-560043, are the absolute joint owners of the property bearing Municipal No. 614/0025/95, (earlier Byatarayanapura Town Municipal Khatha No.193/0025/95), constructed on site bearing No.95, allotted by the Bangalore Development Authority, situated at 1st Block, 1st Stage, Hennur Bellary Road Extension, Bangalore, measuring East to West 15.24mtrs and North to South 24.40M + 22.09M/2, in all measuring 354.25Sq.mtrs or 3813.14Sq.ft, and bounded on East by: Property bearing No.95/A, West by: Property bearing No.94, North by: 5th Main Road, South by: Property bearing No.84. My clients, further state that, recently they have noticed following title document of Allotment Letter dated 14.06.2000 issued by General Secretary, Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore in favour of R.Ramesh along with other documents has been Mis-Placed or lost the original document from one of owner Mr.Nihaal Moosa while traveling from Home to Bank and a police complaint has been lodged to that effect.

It is requested to the general public that if anybody comes across with the said original document, the same may be returned to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication and also the General Public is hereby informed that anybody dealing with the said property based on the lost/ Misplaced document in any manner whatsoever, will be doing so, at their own cost, risk and liabilities and my clients will not be held responsible in any Manner for any such transactions.

SHRUTHI .R.J, Advocate
Office at No.219A/11, Ground Floor, 54th Cross, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010. Ph No.9620988784

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE
No.4, 1st Floor, 'Jeevan Mangal' (LIC Building), Residency Road, Bengaluru-560 025.

O.A. NO. 787/2020

BETWEEN: Canara Bank ... Applicant
AND: Mr. B K Bhaskar Naidu & Ors ... Defendant

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, **3. Smt. Sarojini,** W/o Late N. Chadappa, R/a No. 44, 1st A Cross, 5th Block, 3rd phase, BSK III Stage Bangalore-560085.

4. M/s Royal Builders & Developers, A partnership firm Having its Address at # 883, Chinamayee Arcade, 10th A Cross, RBI Layout, JP Nagar, 7th phase, Bangalore 560078.

5. Mr. K H Mallikarjun, S/o Pomanaik Keluth Hemlanaik, Managing Partner of M/s Royal Builders & Developers, Residing at No. 3984, 11th Main, 2nd Stage Kumaraswamy layout, Bangalore-560078.

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs. 67,20,724.04/- (Rupees sixty seven lakhs twenty thousand seven hundred twenty four and paise four only) as on 31.03.2020 together with current and future interest and for other reliefs.

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Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on 19-02-2021.

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮೂಲ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ದಿಮೆ)
ವಿ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಸಿ. ರಘು ಭವನ, ರೂಂ. ನಂ.9ಎ, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಪೀಣ್ಯ 14ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, 4ನೇ ಫೇಸ್, ಪೀಣ್ಯ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶ, ಪೀಣ್ಯ 2ನೇ ಹಂತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560 058.

No:KSTIDCL/DK MINI PARK/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–03–2021

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ರಾಣೆಬೆನ್ನೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ, ಹುಣಸಿಕಟ್ಟೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಣೆಬೆನ್ನೂರು ಡಿಕೆ ಮಿನಿ ಪವರ್‌ಲೂಮ್ ಟೆಕ್ಸ್‌ಟೈಲ್ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪ್ರೈ.ಲಿ., ರವರು ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಕಟ್ಟಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಂತ್ರೋಪಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಲು ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

(ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Reserved amount for Tender	Quantity Nos.
1.	280 C.M.Reed Space-Repair Looms with accessories.	120.50	15
2.	Warp Machine with Bobbin Creel suitable to 280 C.M. Repair Looms	10.55	01
	ಒಟ್ಟು	131.05	

ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ತಯಾರಕರು/ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಯಂತ್ರೋಪಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಗಳನ್ನು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ರಾಣೆಬೆನ್ನೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ, ಹುಣಸಿಕಟ್ಟೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಣೆಬೆನ್ನೂರು ಡಿಕೆ ಮಿನಿ ಪವರ್‌ಲೂಮ್ ಟೆಕ್ಸ್‌ಟೈಲ್ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪ್ರೈ. ಲಿ., ಇವರ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–03–2021** ರಿಂದ **07–04–2021** ರವರೆಗೆ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13–04–2021 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ** ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ (Online) ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ರೂ. 1,31,000/– ಗಳನ್ನು **MD, Ranibennur D.K. Mini Powerloom Textile Park Pvt. Ltd., Ranibennur** ರವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾತೆಗೆ ಜಮಾ ಮಾಡುವುದು. ತದ ನಂತರ ಬಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ದಿನಾಂಕ: **15–04–2021 ರಂದು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 3.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ರಾಣೆಬೆನ್ನೂರು ಡಿಕೆ ಮಿನಿ ಪವರ್‌ಲೂಮ್ ಟೆಕ್ಸ್‌ಟೈಲ್ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪ್ರೈ. ಲಿ.,ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಅಂತಿಮ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವು ಎಸ್.ಪಿ.ವಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ನಂ. 9380008245 ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

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ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

Shivamogga City Corporation, Shivamogga

Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

ನಂ. ಶಿಮನಪಾಶಿ:ಕಾವಿ–1:ಟೆಂಡರ್:59/2020–21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25.03.2021

Tenders have been invited through e-procurement portal in two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 1999-2000 and Act 2000 and Standard Tender Document procedure for the following works coming under Shivamogga City Corporation limits. The bidders who are interested in participating through e-procurement tender can obtain the details in website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

1) Last date to apply for e-procurement tender forms through online e-payment: **On 12.04.2021 till 4.00 P M.**
2) Date of opening of Technical Bid through e-procurement: **On 14.04.2021 after 4.30 P M.**
3) Date of opening of Financial bid through e-procurement: **After 19.04.2021**
4) Date of pre-bid meeting: **05.04.2021 (after 11.00 A M).**
5) More details can be obtained from e-portal and other details from this office during office hours.

Sl. No.	Indent No.	Details of works	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	EMD amount (In Rs)	Grants	Works period	Class of Contractors
1	113212 /Call-2	Construction of underground drainage system in Ward No.24, advanced areas of B Block, (near Water Tank and Jeevana Sanje Oldage Home) Swamy Vivekananda Nagara, Shivamogga City.	125.00	Submit the filled prescribed forms as per Govt Order No: ಆಇ675 Expenditure -12/2007, Bengaluru, dated: 22.12.2020 EMD amount need not be paid.	15th Financial Grants for the year 2020-21	06 Months	Class III and above
2	113459 /Call-2	Construction of underground drainage system in Raghavendra Swamy Matt Road, near APMC Market, Kuvempu Extension, Ward No. 07.	68.40		15th Financial Grants for the year 2020-21	06 Months	Class III and above

Note : Any corrigendum/changes will be intimated through e-portal.

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಶಿ/ಸಂ:183–03/ಟೋಂಕಾರ್/2020–21

Sd/- Executive Engineer (D-1)
Shivamogga City Corporation, Shivamogga

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮೂಲ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ದಿಮೆ)
ವಿ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಸಿ. ರಘು ಭವನ, ರೂಂ. ನಂ.9ಎ, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಪೀಣ್ಯ 14ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, 4ನೇ ಫೇಸ್, ಪೀಣ್ಯ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶ, ಪೀಣ್ಯ 2ನೇ ಹಂತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560 058.

No:KSTIDCL/DK MINI PARK/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–03–2021

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ರಾಣೆಬೆನ್ನೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ, ಹುಣಸಿಕಟ್ಟೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಣೆಬೆನ್ನೂರು ಡಿಕೆ ಮಿನಿ ಪವರ್‌ಲೂಮ್ ಟೆಕ್ಸ್‌ಟೈಲ್ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪ್ರೈ. ಲಿ., ರವರು ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ನಿವೇಶನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

(ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)

Sl. No.	Name of Works	Reserved amount for Tender	Time Limit
1	ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ	15.83	3 ತಿಂಗಳು
2	ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ	13.12	3 ತಿಂಗಳು
3	ಬಾರ್ಬ್‌ಡ್ ವೈರ್ ಫೆನ್ಸಿಂಗ್	3.70	3 ತಿಂಗಳು

ರಸ್ತೆ, ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮತ್ತು ಬಾರ್ಬ್‌ಡ್ ವೈರ್ ಫೆನ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲು ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯವುಳ್ಳ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ ಪಡೆದ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಕ್ಲಾಸ್–1 ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಅಂದಾಜು ರೂ.32.65 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ಮಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–03–2021 ರಿಂದ 02–04–2021 ರವರೆಗೆ** ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05–04–2021 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ** ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ (Online) ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ರೂ.81,625/– ಗಳನ್ನು **MD, Ranibennur D.K. Mini Powerloom Textile Park Pvt. Ltd., Ranibennur** ರವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾತೆಗೆ ಜಮಾ ಮಾಡುವುದು. ತದ ನಂತರ ಬಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **07–04–2021** ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ **11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ರಾಣೆಬೆನ್ನೂರು ಡಿಕೆ ಮಿನಿ ಪವರ್‌ಲೂಮ್ ಟೆಕ್ಸ್‌ಟೈಲ್ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪ್ರೈ. ಲಿ., ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಅಂತಿಮ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವು ಎಸ್.ಪಿ.ವಿ. ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ನಂ. 9380008245 ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

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CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.9,52,634/-(Rupees Nine Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Four Only)** as on **23-03-2021** together with further interest to be charged from **24-03-2021** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. M. Barath, S/o. M. Manoharan, Flat No.5, Vaikundam, Munnekolal, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037. No.2) Mr. M. Manoharan, S/o. Maruthaiappan, Flat No.5, Vaikundam, Munnekolal, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037. No.3) Mrs. M. Usha Nandhini, W/o. M. Manoharan, Flat No.5, Vaikundam, Munnekolal, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037.**

Note: (1) That our **139-Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch** has also extended financial assistance **(CUB OSL TERM EMI-BR:139012001263940)** dated **24-06-2011** requested by No. 2 of you for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 28,00,000/-** at a ROI of **12.50%** the outstanding balance as on **23-03-2021** is **Rs.17,03,797/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Seven Only)** and No.2 and 3 of you had created Equitable Mortgage over the property described hereunder.

(2) That our **139-Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch** has also extended financial assistance **(DHARANI SPECIAL CC/OD:139120000127335)** dated **29-11-2011** requested by M/s. Blossom of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 20,00,000/-** at a ROI of **14.50%** the outstanding balance as on **23-03-2021** is **Rs.23,83,027/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Eighty Three Thousand and Twenty Seven Only)** and No.2 and 3 of you had created Equitable Mortgage over the property described hereunder.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mrs. M. Usha Nandhini W/o. M. Manoharan and Mr. M. Manoharan, S/o. Maruthaiappan)

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing vacant site No.11, Khatha No.116/1B, situated at Munnekolal Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, previously Mahadevapura CMC Limits, Now comes under BBMP limits, measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 ft., in all totally measuring 1,200 sq.ft. with superstructure to be putup thereon. Boundaries : East by : Site No.12, West by : Site No.10, North by : Private Property , South by : Road.

Reserve Price: Rs.1,10,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Ten Lakh Only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
05-05-2021	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch,** No.194, Ground Floor, 7th Cross, I Stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 038. Telephone No.080-25205030, Cell No. 9341003179.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch, No.194, Ground Floor, 7th Cross, I Stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 038. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-25205030, Cell No. 9341003179. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and| local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 25-03-2021 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
Telephone No. 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued demand notices to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower (s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/Time & Type of Possession
1	30258300000312	1) Mr. Kiran Kumar. R, 2) Mrs. Poovitha, 3) Mr. Anthuraj.C	25.08.2020; Rs.7,52,553/- as on 05.08.2020	26.03.2021; 3.45 P.M. Symbolic Possession

Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 acres and 18 Guntas including the kharab land in Sy.No.39/1,39/2,40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk Bangalore **and bounded on the: North by:** Maya Sandra Gadi, **South by:** Lands in Survey No.41, **East by:** Lands in Survey No.43, **West by:** Road

Schedule-'B 'Property (Property to be conveyed)
The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above works out to 195 square feet.

Schedule-'C' (Description of Residential Unit)
Residential Apartment Bearing No.B-203, Second floor of Tower-01, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as **"Janaadhar Shubha"** constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, Such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduit/s and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments.

2	30258310000173	1) Mr. Kiran Kumar Ramamurthy, 2) Mrs. Lakshmi Devi, 3) Mr. Eshwar	26.08.2020; Rs.9,19,331/- as on 05.08.2020	26.03.2021; 3.55 P.M. Symbolic Possession

Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 acres and 18 Guntas including the kharab land in Sy.No.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk Bangalore **and bounded on the: North by:** Maya Sandra Gadi, **South by:** Lands in Survey No.41, **East by:** Lands in Survey No.43, **West by:** Road.

Schedule-'B 'Property (Property to be conveyed)
The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above works out to 195 square feet.

Schedule-'C' (Description of Residential Unit)
Residential Apartment Bearing No.A-211, Second floor of Tower-07, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as **"Janaadhar Shubha"** constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, Such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduit/s and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments.

3	30258310000210	1) Mrs. Sabirakhan.A 2) Mr. Asif Ali Khan, 3) Mr. Syed Ahmed	29.07.2020; Rs.4,88,291/- as on 03.07.2020	26.03.2021; 4.10 P.M. Symbolic Possession

Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11.5 acres land in Sy.No.39/1,39/2,40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk Bangalore **and bounded on the: North by:** Maya Sandra Gadi, **South by:** Lands in Survey No.41, **East by:** Lands in Survey No. 43, **West by:** Road.

Schedule-'B 'Property (Property to be conveyed)
The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above works out to 195 square feet.

Schedule-'C' (Description of Residential Unit)
Residential Apartment Bearing No.B-001, B-001, Ground floor of Tower-06, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as **"Janaadhar Shubha"** constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduit/s and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments.

4	30258310000683	1) Mr. Sanju Babu Rao 2) Mrs. Shobha, 3) Rajeshkumar.A	31.07.2020; Rs.4,83,767/- as on 02.07.2020	26.03.2021; 4.20 P.M. Symbolic Possession

Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11.5 acres & 18 guntas including the Kharab land in Sy.No.39/1,39/2,40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk Bangalore **and bounded on the: North by:** Maya Sandra Gadi, **South by:** Lands in Survey No.41, **East by:** Lands in Survey No.43, **West by:** Road.

Schedule-'B 'Property (Property to be conveyed)
The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above works out to 195 square feet.

Schedule-'C' (Description of Residential Unit)
Residential Apartment Bearing No.A-004, Katha No.572, Assessment No.T-9-GF-A-004 Ground floor of Tower-09, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as **"Janaadhar Shubha"** constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduit/s and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments **and is bounded on: East by:** Open Space, **West by:** A-009, **North by:** Open space, **South by:** Corridor.

5	30258310000058	1) Mr. Shivakumar, 2) Mrs. Usharani 3) Mrs. Mary Stella Rani	25.08.2020; Rs.6,69,401/- as on 05.08.2020	26.03.2021; 4.30 P.M. Symbolic Possession

Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 acres and 18 Guntas including the kharab land in Sy.No.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk Bangalore **and bounded on the: North by:** Maya Sandra Gadi, **South by:** Lands in Survey No.41, **East by:** Lands in Survey No.43, **West by:** Road.

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Schedule-'C' (Description of Residential Unit)
Residential Apartment Bearing No.B-112 First floor of Tower-08, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as **"Janaadhar Shubha"** constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduit/s and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments.

6	30258310000835	1) Mr. Syedabubakar.M, 2) Mrs. Mujeeba Banu, 3) Mr. Zakir Hussain Saleem	25.08.2020; Rs.5,68,419/- as on 05.08.2020	26.03.2021; 4.30 P.M Symbolic Possession

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Schedule-'B 'Property (Property to be conveyed)
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Schedule-'C' (Description of Residential Unit)
Residential Apartment Bearing No.A-109, Khata No-494, Assessment No.T-6-A-109 First floor of Tower-06, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and a Balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as **"Janaadhar Shubha"** constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, Such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduit/s and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments **and is bounded on: East by:** A-104, **West by:** Corridor, **North by:** Open Space, **South by:** A-110.

7	30258310000809	1) Mr. Uthrahari 2) Mrs. Satheswari, 3) Mrs. Shivakumari	25.08.2020; Rs.7,13,790/- as on 05.08.2020	26.03.2021; 4.40 P.M. Symbolic Possession

Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 acres and 18 Guntas including the kharab land in Sy.No.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk Bangalore **and bounded on the: North by:** Maya Sandra Gadi, **South by:** Lands in Survey No.41, **East by:** Lands in Survey No.43, **West by:** Road.

Schedule-'B 'Property (Property to be conveyed)
The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above works out to 195 square feet.

Schedule-'C' (Description of Residential Unit)
Residential Apartment Bearing No.A-211, Second floor of Tower-07, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as **"Janaadhar Shubha"** constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, Such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduit/s and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments.

8	30258310000571	1) Mr. Mohammed Ayaz. J, 2) Mrs. Irfana.A.E, 3) Mrs. Ajay AE	15.07.2020; Rs.5,81,599/- as on 02.07.2020	26.03.2021; 5.15 P.M. Symbolic Possession

Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 acres and 18guntas including the kharab land in Sy.No.39/1,39/2,40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk Bangalore **and bounded on the: North by:** Mayasandra Gadi, **South by:** Lands in Survey No.41, **East by:** Lands in Survey No.43, **West by:** Road.

Schedule-B: Undivided share in the Schedule 'A' property which works out of 195 sq. for 400 sq. of built up area.

Schedule-C (Description of Residential Unit)
Residential Apartment Bearing No.A-310 Khata No.502, Assessment No. T-6-TF-A-310, Third floor of Tower-6, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as **"Janaadhar Shubha"** constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduit/s and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Aparamtnets and is **Bounded on North by:** A 309, **South by:** Open Space, **East by:** A-303, **West by:** Corridor.
The Super built up area means and includes the exclusive floor area of each apartment unit and the proportionate areas covered by common walls, passages, stairs, ducts, well and or rooms, water, drainage and or electricial conduits parks, and or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments.

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Place: Bangalore	Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 29.03.2021	For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

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The state government has decided to allow resumption of operations of stalled stone mining and crusher units, announced Mines and Geology Minister Murugesh R Nirani, in Bengaluru on Monday. The closure of these units has resulted in a revenue loss for the state, he added

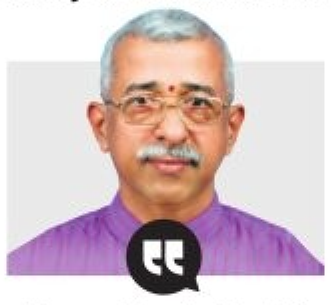
'MORE PEOPLE AS ENGINEERS'

There has been criticism over how Maths and Physics will not be required to study engineering. AICTE's Dr Sahasrabudhe responds

AICTE's decision to let students who do not take up Maths, Physics, Chemistry or Biology apply for engineering courses is not meant to dilute the course but to make it more inclusive, said AICTE Chairman **Dr Anil Sahasrabudhe** while speaking at **TNIE's ThinkEdu Conclave 2021**. He was discussing the NEP, the educational reforms and the way to an Aatmanirbhar Bharat with CSIR's Director-General **Dr Shekhar C Mande** and Padma Shri awardee **Chamu Krishna Shastry** from the Samskrit Promotion Foundation.

There are lots of misgivings that have been created by some of the media houses as though Maths and other Science subjects are not required to study engineering but it's not so, said Dr Sahasrabudhe. "We have just opened up the window to those who have probably not taken one of these subjects because they come from a remote location — it might be that only Arts subjects are available for Class 11 and 12 in that region. They might have had Science but no Chemistry teacher. Such students should not be left out — that was our idea," said the AICTE Chairman.

Talking about the state of research during COVID, Dr Mande said that working closely with the industry helped them maintain the level of funds during the pandemic. "While the entire world went through an economic crisis, we did not feel the shortfall in funding as much as the private funding filled the gaps wherever there was less public funding. Paying the fellowships on time has been a challenge but we are working towards that," he said.



Science without spirituality is blind and spirituality without science is lame. So, Aatmanirbhar Bharat has to have both of these

Chamu Krishna Shastry

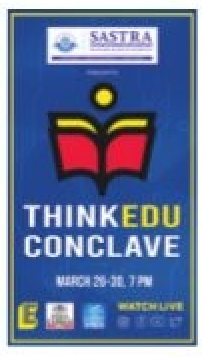
Dr Shekhar C Mande & Dr Anil Sahasrabudhe

Talking about the integration of Indian knowledge, Shastry said that the Indian Knowledge Systems has already become functional. "A Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) division has been created in the Ministry and has been housed at the AICTE headquarters. Already, around 1,000 researchers have associated with the cell and several verticals have been associated with it — environment, social science, science and technology, and institutions and individual interested to conduct their research at the IKS are being coordinated. The IKS is collecting the information in the public domain. We are also trying to integrate the IKS with the school curriculum," said Shastry.

Anuja Chauhan, Mihira Sood and Suhasini Maniratnam

'Women are tigresses only on paper'

We have a three-pronged issue when it comes to protecting women in the country — the quality of the laws, the quality of enforcement and the lack of awareness or sensitisation, said **Mihira Sood**, a Supreme Court lawyer, while speaking at **The New Indian Express' ThinkEdu Conclave 2021** on Monday. She was speaking at a panel on the reality of today's Indian women along with author **Anuja Chauhan**, actor and director **Suhasini Maniratnam**, which was being chaired by Senior Journalist and Author Kaveree Bamzai. This year's ThinkEdu Conclave is being conducted online from March 26 to March 30, 2021.



"That is why we women remain tigresses on paper, whether it's because of poor laws or poor implementation and the lack of sensitisation. A major part of the problem is that people expect that the law will provide them with an answer to their problems, whereas what it actually does is give you an option if you are in a position to use it," Mihira added. Anuja Chauhan added to this and said, "Women in this country are not tigresses in reality as the onus is on the girls all the time." Suhasini also added that, "We do have laws but they don't reach women at all."

Is AI really making Indians a little 'dumber' everyday?

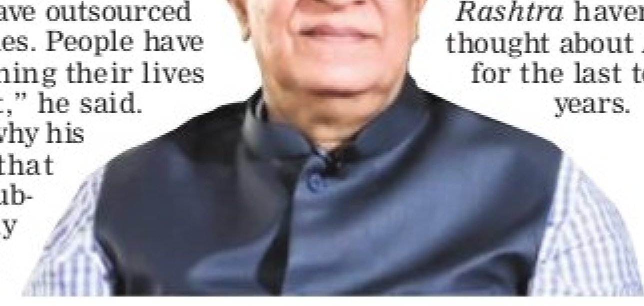
Is the dependence on technology moronising a generation of Indians? At least **Rajiv Malhotra,** Founder of Infinity Foundation and author of *Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Power* believes so. A speaker at **TNIE's ThinkEdu Conclave 2021**, Malhotra was in conversation with Author and Senior Journalist Kaveree Bamzai.

"Artificial Intelligence is making machines smarter. What is not well known is that people are becoming dumber. They're becoming more dependent on Google *Devta*," said Malhotra, adding, "People think that a person with more views and tweets and followers (on social media) will be the definition of truth. The traditional sources of authority are not important to this generation. They have outsourced the criteria of truth to social media." Touching upon the algorithm that runs social media, he said that the machine figures out what one likes and doesn't like, based on a user's clicks. "I call this the modernisation of the masses. People have outsourced their agencies. People have started running their lives on autopilot," he said. Explaining why his book says that the Indian public is "highly moronised", he said that the perfect "moron" will let Netflix decide what movie he must watch and a network figure out whom he should date or where he should go on vacation. "It is a dream come true for digital marketing people, digital politics, digital ideological warfare... all of them using AI as a weapon," he said. While he says that the millennials are the most affected by the phenomenon, he agrees that his generation has left behind "a very messy world for the next generation."

The most successful diplomacy this year is India giving COVID vaccine to various countries

Rajiv Malhotra, Infinity Foundation

Malhotra said that Indians are so far behind in the fundamental principle of AI. "Yet, when you go to these companies, you will find a lot of Indian brains. But they are not working for India. Even Sundar Pichai is an employee at the end of the day," he said. But who is responsible for this? He holds the politicians, industrialists and the likes of the RSS activists accountable. He asked how the ones who talk about being the keepers of the *Rashtra* haven't thought about AI for the last ten years.



How Amazon created 2L jobs during the pandemic

The pandemic has been the harbinger of bad news, but there have been a few silver linings and **Amit Agarwal**, Global Senior Vice-President and Country Head, Amazon India pointed one out to us at **TNIE's ThinkEdu Conclave**. He was speaking during the session titled 'Small is Beautiful: Sparking the Entrepreneurship Within', which was chaired by Author and Political Economy Analyst Shankkar Aiyar. Amazon India was able to create 2,00,000 jobs just last year plus it's moving full-speed ahead towards the targets of its 'Digitize India' pledge detailed by Amazon's Founder at the first-ever Amazon Smbhav Summit held in New Delhi last year. The promise was to digitally-enable 10 million SMBs (Small and Medium-Sized Business), enable 10 billion dollars in exports and create a million jobs by 2025. "Cumulative exports are already exceeding three billion dollars. We have created nearly a million jobs already and are pledging an incremental million by 2025. All in all, we have made meaningful progress on all dimensions. Next four years, we are excited to be ahead of our targets to get there."

We wake up every day in the morning feeling paranoid that customers will only shop with us until the moment they find a better option somewhere else

Amit Agarwal, Global Senior VP and Country Head, Amazon India

Talking about the year 2020, Agarwal said, "We had more than 1.5 lakh sellers go online. The number of sellers signing up to set up on Amazon has gone up by 50% and has accelerated since COVID." He added that programmes like Local Shops on Amazon has brought in 50,000 local stores across 700 cities and the number is inching towards 1.5 lakh stores towards the end of the current year. He also dwelled on Amazon's Chai Cart programme, under which the cart would travel to India's business districts and engage in conversations over *chai* with businesses about selling online.

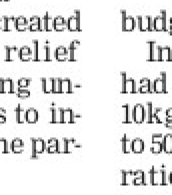
Kerala HC stays poll panel order, allows rice distribution

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

THE Kerala High Court on Monday stayed the order of the Election Commission halting the distribution of rice to non-priority ration card-holders in view of the Vishu-Easter-Ramzan season. With this order, the state government can continue the distribution of rice as fixed earlier.

Justice P V Asha issued the order on a petition filed by the state government through the additional secretary of the Food and Civil Supplies Department seeking to quash the commission's order. The Election Commission requested the court to ensure that the stay order shall not be used as a weapon in the election by the ruling party to influence the voters.

The court made it clear that the distribution should be strictly in accordance with the model code of conduct. All ostentatious functions should be strictly avoided with regard to the rice distribution and no impression should be created that such welfare measures or relief and rehabilitation works are being undertaken by the government so as to influence the electors in favour of the party in power.



The state government argued that the model code of conduct does not apply to the implementation of ongoing programmes. The decision regarding the special distribution was taken on February 4, much before the election notification. The decision was taken based on the finance minister's budget speech.

In the Kerala Budget, the government had announced that additional rice of 10kg at the rate of ₹15 would be provided to 50 lakh families having blue and white ration cards.

'There are discrepancies in final voters' list'

Kochi: The High Court on Monday directed the Election Commission and the chief electoral officer to ensure that no double voting takes place on the assembly polling day in the state. "We are of the prima facie view that there are discrepancies in the final voters' list published by the Election Commission. It should make sure that sufficient state and Central forces are posted at all voting places to ensure fair and democratic elections. To implement the order, steps should be taken on a war footing," said a division bench.

Was misunderstood, says A Raja while apologising

Udhagamandalam: DMK MP A Raja on Monday extended an apology to Chief Minister K Palaniswami for making certain remarks allegedly referring to the latter's deceased mother, but claimed his words were 'misunderstood' and 'manipulated.' Raja's apology to the AIADMK veteran came a day after the chief minister turned emotional at an election rally in Chennai while recalling the episode. Raja said he clarified in a public meeting in Gudalur in the district on Sunday that he did not intend to defame Palaniswami or his late mother, but was making a comparison between the leadership qualities of his party chief M K Stalin and the CM, using a children's analogy. "I came across reports that the chief minister turned emotional at my remarks and I am deeply anguished over this. I express regret from the bottom of my heart for lines that were misunderstood," he said. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

TTD issues new rules for pilgrims

Tirumala: Owing to the spike in Covid cases, The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has issued new guidelines for pilgrims visiting the shrine. In a release on Monday, the TTD stated that pilgrims having the time slot for darshan, will be allowed through Alipiri only after 1 pm on the previous day of allotted slot. Similarly, pilgrims having time slots for darshan, will be allowed through Alipiri or Srivari Mettu footpaths only after 9 am on the previous day of allotted slot. **ENS**

Pregnant woman made to walk 3 km by cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Baripada

A nine months pregnant woman in Mayurbhanj district was forced to walk 3 km after she was found riding a pillion without a helmet to the hospital as her husband was taken to a police station to pay the fine.

The incident that happened on Sunday has left the state administration red-faced. The 27-year-old woman Gurubari was going to Udala Sub-divisional hospital for health check-up with her husband Bikram Biruli on a bike.

While Bikram was wearing a helmet, Gurubari was not. The couple was intercepted by officer in charge of Sarat Police Station Rina Baksal who allegedly forced Bikram to go to the police station to pay the fine leaving Gurubari at the spot.

Bikram and Gurubari

Helpless, the nine-month pregnant woman made a grueling three-km walk to the police station in the scorching heat.

As the issue grabbed headlines, Mayurbhanj SP Parmar Smit Parshottam Das suspended the lady OIC on Monday.

"I am worried for my wife since she is nine-months pregnant. Despite requests to the OIC, she did not show any sympathy for my wife," Bikram said. Later he gave a written complaint before the SDPO of Udala, Kedarnath Sahu about the matter.

Leopard caught in snare for 42 hrs, dies a long, painful death

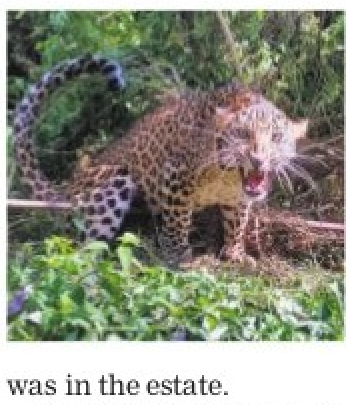
MEERA BHARDWAJ @Bengaluru

FOR 42 hours, a leopard caught in a snare at a coffee estate, fought hard to survive. But after almost two days, the male big cat, which was five to six years old, succumbed on Saturday afternoon.

Now, wildlife activists have called for a dedicated tranquillisation team for the forest department to save wild animals caught in snares at coffee estates.

The incident occurred at the 800-acre Doddanagudde Coffee Estate at Channapura village, owned by the Rebello family. Though the leopard was caught in the snare on Thursday night, neither the owners nor the 400-odd workers informed forest officials.

They told the officials that with the coffee-picking season over, they did not know that the animal was in the estate.



When the Chikkamagaluru territorial officials were informed on Saturday, foresters rushed to the spot, while a medical team from Shivamogga arrived by afternoon.

Deputy Conservator of Forests N H Jagannath said, "We immediately called for a tranquilisation team from Shivamogga. But the leopard had been struggling for 42 hours, its intestines had come out and it was completely dehydrated. There was no way we could have saved it. We will send a circular to all coffee estates to inform the forest department of any such illegal activities."

G Veeresh, a honorary wildlife warden, said, "Strict action should be taken against private property owners who abet such deaths," he said.

Forest officials have booked a case against estate owners F M E Rebello, J J S Rebello and E J G Rebello under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE
No.4, 1st Floor, 'Jeevan Mangal' (LIC Building), Residency Road, Bengaluru-560 025.
O.A. No. 724/2020
Between: Canara Bank ... Applicant
AND: Mrs. Sushma Malapani & Ors ... Defendant
SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
To, 1. Mrs. Sushma Malapani W/o Mr. Anil Kumar Malapani, Flat No.2A, 2nd floor, Golden Petal Apartment, Bangalore-560 091.
2. Mr. Anil Kumar Malapani S/o Shiv Bhagwan, Flat No.2A, 2nd floor, Golden Petal Apartment, Bangalore-560 091.
Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs. 49,61,102.61/- (Rupees forty nine lakhs sixty one thousand one hundred two and paisa sixty one only) as on 31.03.2020 together with current and future interest and for other reliefs.
Take notice that you are hereby required to appear before this Tribunal to show cause on 11/05/2021 at 10.30 A.M. in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice of interim relief sought.
Take notice that in case of default the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on 19-02-2021.
By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore.

Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No. 3, Bhadra Canal Division, Malebennur.
Ph./Fax: 08192-268754, e-mail: eeknnlmbr@gmail.com
No.: EE/KNNL/BCD-3/MB/J.E.-2/Tender Notice-13/1818/2020-21
Date: 26.03.2021
Brief Short-Term Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurement)
On behalf of The Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, Percentage Tender in e-Procurement mode is invited from the office of the undersigned from eligible contractors registered in Public Works/Water Resources Department and registered in e-procurement cell for e-tender, for works mentioned below.
(1) Name of Work and Head of Account:- 4701 – Rajanahalli LIS (2) Call:- 1st Call (3)No. of Works:- 1 (4) Approx. Amount put to Tender:- 199.95 lakhs (5) Eligibility of Contractors KPWD Class-I or KNNL Category-III & above
(1) Blank Tender Documents can be obtained from website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 29.03.2021 to 08.04.2021 up to 5.00 PM. (2) Enquiry regarding Tender: 05.04.2021 up to 5.00 PM. (3) Date for submission of filled tenders in e-procurement: 08.04.2021 up to 5.00 PM. (4) Date of opening Technical Bid: 09.04.2021 at 5.01 PM. (5) Date of opening Financial Bid will be intimated after getting approval of Technical Bid from higher officers.
Further information can be obtained from Phone No. 08192-268754 during office hours.
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Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, No. 3, Bhadra Canal Division, Malebennur.

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
M.I. & G.W.D.DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR
No.EE/MID/VJP/AE-1,3/NON-NBD/TND/2020-21/3721 Date: 29.03.2021.
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department, Division Vijayapur invites work tenders through "E-Procurement" from eligible contractor on item rate Tender for following works as per KTPP Act-2000 and latest amendments.
NON-NABARD: 1) Construction of Barrage across Ghataprabha River near Chinchakhandi in Mudhol Taluka of Bagalkote District, Estimated Cost **Rs.790.00 Lakhs**, 2) Construction of Barrage-cum-Bridge across Hirehalla on Gonal S.H. to Hagargund Road in Muddebihal Taluka of Vijayapur District, Estimated Cost **Rs.220.00 Lakhs**, 3) Construction of C.T.C. and Prevention of Leakage of Chimmad Tank in Rabakavi-Banahatti Taluka of Bagalkote District, Estimated Cost **Rs.89.50 Lakhs, Tender Period for above Sl.No.1 work is Eleven(11) Months including monsoon, Tender Period for above Sl.No.2 work is Nine(9) Months including monsoon and Tender Period for above Sl.No.3 work is Six(6) Months including monsoon.**
Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka E-Procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors from **15.04.2021.** Tenders may be submitted on electronically in E-Procurement portal up to **16:00hrs. on 15.05.2021**. Interested contractors information regarding works may be obtained from this office (Ph.No.08352-277188) or e-Procurement helpdesk (Ph.No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227) upto **16.00hrs**. on **13.05.2021**. Pre-bid meeting will be held on **07.05.2021** for work costing above 1.00Crore in the office of the Executive Engineer, MI&GWDD Division, Vijayapur. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.
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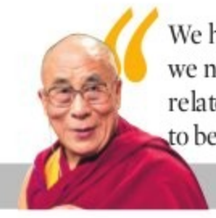

"We have a basic instinct for compassion, but we need to develop it. Concern for others is related to human rights and everyone needs to be assured of their human rights" — Dalai Lama

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.
— Ramnath Goenka

DMK LEADER'S DESPICABLE ABUSE OF CM'S MOTHER

The quality of political speeches hit rock bottom in Tamil Nadu with DMK deputy general secretary A Raja making unsavoury comments directed at CM Edappadi K Palaniswami's mother, who passed away last year. Apart from landing himself in a major controversy a week before the Assembly polls, Raja has become an embarrassment for the main opposition with his sexist remarks. The discomfort in the DMK leadership was evident, with party president M K Stalin quickly warning members against making undignified comments and MP K Kanimozhi cautioning them against making derogatory comments about women. Both, however, did not name Raja. The Chennai police booked Raja under IPC sections 153 (provocation with intent to cause riot), 294b (foul language in a public place) and 127 (disturbances at election meetings) of the Representation of the People Act following a complaint from the ruling AIADMK.

This was the second time in 48 hours that Raja had made scathing remarks against Palaniswami, the earlier one being a "slipper comment". Though Raja has defended himself by saying his speech about the CM's mother was "quoted out of context" and tendered a public apology to the CM after widespread criticism, his back-to-back invectives may spell trouble for the DMK. But the smear campaign targeting leaders' parentage is not new in TN. Two years ago, the BJP's H Raja had lobbed a cheap shot at Kanimozhi. Though the Election Commission's model code of conduct covers indecent personal remarks and hate speeches, it remains to be seen how the poll panel can rein in leaders making such comments. In 2019, the Supreme Court had asked a few uncomfortable questions to the Election Commission for being complacent about leaders making hate speeches during the Lok Sabha campaign.

Scripting a campaign speech requires homework about the region's needs. It is high time political leaders eschew such remarks and instead turn their attention to their vision for economic growth and social upliftment of constituencies. This alone can bring healthy debates back on the democratic dais.

AN ACID TEST FOR ANDHRA OPPOSITION

Poll fever has gripped Andhra Pradesh again even before the dust settled after elections to panchayats and municipalities. All eyes are on the April 17 by-election to the Tirupati Lok Sabha (SC reserved) constituency, which was necessitated due to the untimely demise of sitting YSRC MP Balli Durgaprasad Rao last year. On the face of it, it looks like a walk in the park for the YSRC, which is riding high on its landslide in the local polls. So confident is it of its candidate Goorumurthy's win that it is eyeing an over three lakh majority—up from 2.28 lakh in 2019.

There are many things going for it, the most important being Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy's popularity and the delivery of welfare schemes. Besides, it won the seat in 2014 too garnering a 47.84% vote share and increased it to 55.03% in 2019. To turn the tide would be a Herculean task for the opposition. The TDP, which has fielded time-tested candidate Panabaka Lakshmi, will be going into the fray with its back to the wall after a string of defeats from 2019 to the more recent local polls. Nonetheless, determined to put up a strong fight, it has deputed 170 in-charges and coordinators. Party insiders believe it could be a moral victory if the TDP can at least bring down the winning margin of the YSRC, which has an unassailable lead among SCs who constitute a major chunk of the voters.

The BJP-Jana Sena combine could also dent the TDP's prospects. The alliance has fielded former Karnataka chief secretary Ratna Prabha and has been carrying on a campaign centred around the Centre's programmes. In 2019, the BJP managed just 16,000-odd votes. This time, it hopes actor Pawan Kalyan's charisma could do wonders. It will be a massive boost for the party if it can come runners-up. That may, however, be difficult given the deep dissatisfaction people have over its failed promises dating back to the bifurcation of the state, not to forget the rising fuel prices. But more importantly, the fissures within the alliance could nullify all its strategies. The bypoll is indeed an acid test, not for the YSRC, but for the opposition.

The crisis at Ashoka University is not an outcome of political interference but of a deeper disconnect between the faculty and the country

THE ASHOKA IMBROGLIO: GUIDE TO THE PERPLEXED

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

The founders and management of Ashoka University have learned the hard way how not to go about building a great private university in India. For starters, the primary purpose of a university is not just to criticise the government of the day. Nor of star faculty members, or academic leaders of an institution of eminence, merely to mount daily rants against national leaders or ruling party politicians.

The primary purpose of a university is to enable the teaching and training of students in a wide variety of fields so that they can be useful members of society and leaders of tomorrow. It is to foster the true blossoming of personality and human potential. It is also, through high standards of research and pedagogy, to create new knowledge and exciting possibilities for the future.

If much of the energy of a university, including the time of its faculty and students, is diverted to political posturing, a university is bound to decline sooner or later. It is not that a firewall should be built between the campus and the outside world. Rather it is to remember that what happens in classrooms, labs and libraries is sacred and must not be compromised by ideological considerations.

The nurturing of real knowledge and competence, whether in the liberal arts and sciences or in professional disciplines such as engineering, medicine or law, cannot be condensed to ideological pomposity or grandstanding. Similarly, political correctness—or for that matter—incorrectness cannot be a substitute for real fitness in a field, let alone true expertise. Opinion mongering comes easy; the hard work to build deeper understanding and comprehension is much more difficult.

Unfortunately, across the world, education in the humanities and social studies has become so ideologised that little attention is paid to developing basic skills in reading and writing, let alone critical thinking. A lazy reductionism, wherein intellectual traditions or texts are read in terms of pre-set toolkits, has overtaken real debate, dissent and discussion on many campuses across the world.

This crisis in the humanities and social studies has infected Ashoka University too. For one, the faculty, far from being diverse intellectually, is packed with similar-thinking and similar-sounding colleagues. In fact, the founders, donors and promoters are more politically diverse than the faculty.

How has this happened? The answer is simple. An intolerance for contrary positions is masked under the guise of maintaining standards. As it turns out, the only standards that are maintained are ideological, rather than academic. A Left-Liberal (LeLi) echo-chamber is not a vibrant or intellectually diverse academic community that a great university demands.

Furthermore, Ashoka seems to have totally missed out on both the scholarly challenges and opportunities of resurgent India, even as it represents its economic and monetary capabilities. This mismatch is at the root of its troubles.

Ashoka's intellectual leadership reflects the "UPA," or to put it even more bluntly, "the Nehruvian consensus" of a bygone era. A new idea of India has overtaken Ashoka, leaving its academic leaders and founders marooned in a space where they risk being irrelevant, if not reviled.

Surely academic freedom does not comprise only one side of an argument. Call them "right wing", "conservative" or even "Hindutva"-vadis—where is this other side in Ashoka? By ignoring or excluding it altogether, Ashoka too has practiced the kind of untouchability or exclusionism that is the tell-tale mark of illiberalism masquerading as liberalism.

> Powerful cabals have policed academia, silencing and bullying dissenters, recruiting their own kind and ensuring ideological conformity rather than diversity. A Left-Liberal echo-chamber is not a vibrant or intellectually diverse academic community

But is the surrounding society and the larger body politic interested? No. They have moved on, joining the groundswell that believes in the new India whose possibilities these very intellectuals have denied or denigrated in the past decades, with their doomsday predictions.

Hunting in packs so to speak, powerful cabals have policed academia, silencing and bullying dissenters, recruiting their own kind and ensuring ideological conformity rather than diversity. Now, the mafia-like control and territoriality of these lobbies has come back to bite the founders and backers of Ashoka.

The latter have now understood that these factions are liabilities rather than assets. These LeLi bullies are blocking the growth of the university and making it unattractive to a large section of the fee-paying middle and upper classes who send their wards to this university. Hegemonic Left-Liberalism on campuses is preventing the connect of the university to the society or nation of which it is a part.

The crisis at Ashoka is not an outcome of political interference but of a deeper disconnect between the faculty and the country. Instead of being leaders, they are laggards. Busy defending yesterday's ideas rather than generating tomorrow's visions, their embattled and beleaguered virtue signalling and compulsive criticism demonstrate a siege mentality and disengagement from the national mainstream. To put it bluntly, they have become 'uncool.'

Apart from 'speaking truth to power,' intellectuals, whether public or private, need to continue to read, write, teach and produce new knowledge. To allow a university or institution of learning to be turned into a political platform or soapbox is against the very ideals of liberal education that universities such as Ashoka supposedly espouse. It is also really bad for business.

The Ashoka imbroglio is not about the resignation, voluntary or nudged, of Pratap Bhanu Mehta. It is not about intellectual integrity or grit of freedom of expression. Rather, it is about the growing irrelevance of a certain imported and internationally supported brand of elite intellectual custodianship of the Indian Republic that is no longer fashionable, sustainable or appropriate.

The times they are a-changing. Those who plough and sow in intellectual or academic furrows also need to wake up and smell the *chai*.

(Tweets @MakrandParanspe)

DOING BUSINESS & THE EASE OF INCARCERATION

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The present government has pushed hard to improve India's ranking in the ease of doing business index, including decriminalising various companies' related offences, offering fresh start schemes, etc. On 20 March 2021, the Union finance ministry announced that 20 states had successfully implemented the ease of doing business reforms. However, the good work being done by the government is being undone by the misplaced corporate criminal jurisprudence in India. Business owners and professionals have a sword of criminal liability constantly hanging over their he ads, irrespective of culpability. This constant threat and insecurity are informal adverse indicators that may not be quantifiably expressed in surveys assessing the ease of doing business.

This insecurity amongst businesses and professionals is attributable to disproportionate measures taken by the legislature to curb corporate fraud. In 2013, Parliament enacted the Companies Act, 2013 (2013 Act), which replaced the Companies Act, 1956, as the statute governing firms in India. The two notable wrongs in the 2013 Act are (a) while it imputes criminal liability in case of fraud, the definition of 'fraud' itself is vague and ambiguous, and (b) there is a complete overturn of presumption of innocence in cases relating to fraud.

The vaguely worded, illustrative and broad definition of fraud under the 2013 Act can encompass almost any act or omission that is injurious to the interest of a company's stakeholders. Of course, all such actions or omissions should not go unattended, but the threshold of an offence attracting imprisonment ought to be far above a mere injury to the stakeholders. Further, an illustrative definition of an offence is unknown in law and is contrary to the first principle of criminal jurisprudence, being that the act constituting an offence must be strictly defined and construed. Also, the definition of fraud doesn't take into account the fact that most of the culpable beneficiaries of the businesses do not take any official post in the company. The vaguely broad definition of fraud has led to the creation of a new class of victims, the dummy directors who, in most of the cases, neither possess any criminal intent nor gain anything out of the criminal acts committed by the de facto beneficiaries. However, such dummy directors are implicated by virtue of them holding official posts in the company.

The above problem gets further compounded by the presumption of guilt in the 2013 Act. Under the present law, a person including the directors and the professionals accused of fraud, amongst other requirements, have to prima facie prove their innocence for securing bail. In other words, the incarceration begins with the initiation of investigation and continues till the accused proves that he is prima facie innocent. This requirement is not only against the principle of presumption of innocence but also exposes innocent people to imprisonment. Moreover, in cases where a person has been falsely framed, it would be almost impossible to prove innocence at the stage of bail. This absurd requirement is further catalysed by long-drawn and extremely slow trial proceedings. For instance, if we look at the orders passed in cases relating to fraud under the 2013 Act, we see that in most instances, even the first stage of providing the copy of the investigation report to accused persons has taken more than a year. Furthermore, a reading of the cases initiated under the 2013 Act also shows that almost all key managerial personnel (including directors) of the accused company are arrayed as accused. It wouldn't be wrong to say that incarceration of all key managerial persons even before proof of guilt may lead to the corporate death of that particular company, since there will not be anyone left to run it. Loss of business adversely affects not only the company but also all the stakeholders whose interests are supposed to be protected under the law.

> The otherwise improving indicators of ease of doing business are to be celebrated. However, till the time the legislature ensures there is no unwarranted prosecution of owners of companies and professionals, the trepidation with which business is done in the country will not ease

Thus, qualitatively, the government needs to factor in the resultant insecurities due to the above explained misplaced corporate criminal justice system while assessing its success for the ease of doing business. There is an urgent requirement for doing away with the onerous and misplaced requirement of proving innocence for securing bail. Further, there is a need to amend the definition of fraud under the 2013 Act, making it precise. Lastly, there is a need to ensure that the trial is completed in a time-bound manner. Of course, the otherwise improving indicators of ease of doing business are to be celebrated. However, till the time the legislature provides certainty and protection from unwarranted prosecution to business owners and professionals, the sword will continue to hang over their heads and the trepidation with which business is done in the country will not ease.

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Irresponsible decision

This is with reference to *Thrissur Pooram: No restriction on people's participation* (Mar 29). The Kerala government has decided to conduct the festival 'in all its glory without any restriction on people's participation'. The irresponsible move came on a day when the state recorded 2,216 new Covid cases with a test positivity rate of 4.69%.
Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Close contests in Bengal

This is with reference to the article *Voters torn between Dada and Didi* (Mar 28). It's not just the battle between Suvendu Adhikari and Mamata Banerjee in Nandigram. We are witnessing nail-biting contests throughout Bengal.
M S R Rao, Bengaluru

Avoid personal attacks

The derogatory remark made by a DMK MP against the Tamil Nadu CM and his late mother is not in good taste. No one should indulge in personal attacks.
S Ravindranath, Bengaluru

Strong oppn needed

I agree that the Centre is resorting to various means (though legally correct) to throttle the voice of democratically elected governments, especially in Delhi and Puducherry, though I disagree with the author over J&K (*Breaking backbone of democratic institutions*, Mar 29). A strong opposition is needed for a healthy democracy. It's time the opposition parties come together, preferably minus the Gandhis, and start taking on the government over such issues.
C Vijay Kumar, Bengaluru

Cong & democratic values

Unforgettable is the manner in which Sharad Pawar was unceremoniously removed as CM of Maharashtra in 1980 and President's rule imposed. This was not the only time. Mrs Gandhi recklessly invoked Article 356 during her tenure as PM 50 times. The Congress, which never cared and cares for democratic niceties from within the government and outside, is sermonising on the preservation of democratic values.
Venkat Desikan, Chennai

India beats England

A brisk batting display by Shikhar Dhawan, Rishabh Pant and Hardik Pandya and immaculate bowling by Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Shardul Thakur paved the way for a scintillating victory against England by seven runs.
Konda Vinod Rathna, Noida

Wins in all three formats

The final ODI against England went to the wire and finally, India won by seven runs. With this, the Men in Blue have emerged trumps in all three formats. Hats off to Sam Curran who nearly took England home from a tough position.
Jogendar Rao, Bengaluru

Bring back stolen idols

It is sad that idols in worship are being stolen from India and found decorating the swimming pools of art collectors in the Western world (*Debunking claims of the idol collecting lobby*, Mar 27).
The Modi government should strengthen—not listen to the collectors and weaken—the existing laws to tackle the theft of cultural treasures and also take proactive steps to bring back the stolen idols in foreign museums.
K Rajagopal, Bengaluru

Temple architecture cradle

This is with reference to *Unique cave temple in lab of Indian architecture* (Mar 29). The description of the art and architecture of the Badami Chalukya monument in Aihole is extensive. The article will inspire more people to visit the village of Aihole, a cradle of temple architecture, and hopefully persuade students to study our history.
Chilaka Venkateswarlu, Chennai

Alternative diabolical

This is with reference to *The Arctic alternative* (Mar 29). The melting of ice in the polar regions is due to huge pollution caused by our activities far away from those places. Amidst this, it is diabolical to think of such a purely commercial alternative to the Suez route without any concern about ecology.
Krishnaswamy N Ponnani, Palakkad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Asaduddin Owaisi @asadowaisi
It's not a surprise that govt's lawyers support banning citizens from fact finding. Banning citizens' inquiries is banning truth-telling. Especially in the case of Delhi pogrom

Prakash Javadekar @PrakashJavdekar
Happy to note that 50 years of intensive efforts paid off and the population of Barasingha at the Kanha National Park is now close to 800

Devendra Fadnavis @Dev_Fadnavis
People of Bengal will not forget and forgive Mamata for this! Saddened to know about the demise of daughter of Bengal

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

At first, the BJP had said it will win 46 seats. The state BJP president later said his party will win 42 seats. There is no unanimity – Ripun Bora , Assam Congress chief

The people of West Bengal have made up their mind and will give a resounding victory to BJP. The people have seen the total mismanagement by communists and TMC –Piysuh Goyal, Union minister of railways

People (of Assam) are determined to root out corrupt, biased, anti-poor and anti-tea garden labourers BJP's double engine govt in the state
– Tejashwi Yadav, RJD leader

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Assam newspapers face legal action over advertisement predicting a BJP victory in Upper Assam

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Assam constituencies to go to poll on Thursday. Forty more constituencies will hold elections on April 6

Cong polarising, says Jitendra

Guwahati: Union minister Jitendra Singh on Monday accused the Congress of seeking votes through communal polarisation by instigating one religion against the other and inducing unwarranted fear in the minds of the minority community.He said, it was only during the last seven years that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government had the conviction and sincerity to bring about some revolutionary reforms for the minorities

TMC MP loses her cool over long rally

Kolkata: Actor and TMC MP Nusrat Jahan has courted controversy after she apparently lost cool and abandoned a roadshow midway in North 24 Parganas district, contending that she does not take part in any rally that last over an hour even, if it was in support of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. "I am participating in the roadshow for more than an hour, (which) I don't do even for the CM; Are you joking?" she could be heard telling TMC supporters

BJP is suppressing our diversity, making us vassals of Nagpur: Gogoi

Prominent Congress leader tells H Khogen Singh there is anger against the CAA in Assam

One of the main election planks of the Bharatiya Janata Party is development, what about the Congress?

I don't hear the BJP talking about development, instead we are doing that. In our manifesto we have talked about what we will do for all sectors. We have announced that we will set up a fund for the poorest of the poor. We have also recognised that a woman's household work is of value so for householders we have announced a financial aid of Rs 2,000 per month. Our campaign is around five guarantees which focuses on jobs, relief from inflation and tea garden workers who were promised the sky but got nothing. Other than development we are also talking about the identity of the Assamese culture. We have Muslims and several tribes. The Congress government gave the tribals development councils which helped them assert their unique cultural identity. But this government is trying to homogenise Assam and reduce the diversity into one form of philosophy that emanates from Nagpur. So while we want to celebrate our diversity, they want to reduce us to vassals of Nagpur.

How do you propose to protect the Assamese identity?

The dominating discourse in this election is the Citizenship Amendment Act. The Assam Accord has been made redundant by the CAA. The accord is an article of faith for the people because it resolved the burning issue of illegal immigration. Now the BJP is imposing its will, it is choking the cultural and democratic aspirations of the people through the CAA.

But the BJP says the fears over the CAA are unfounded as all those who had to enter Assam are already here, more people will not come into Assam.

We are a democracy where the will of the people is supreme and the people of Assam never wanted the CAA. Why is the government not listening to the people? The government has to

GAURAV GOGOI
Congress MP from Assam

abide by the wishes of the people but they want to impose their own ideology and their own arguments using brute force and political majority. This is not democracy but dictatorship.

There is a view that the Congress alliance with the All-India United Democratic Front has not gone down well with the local Assamese, who are opposed to illegal immigration.

There are prominent voices here calling for unity among all political parties to oppose the CAA. My late father was a proponent of this alliance. It has not happened just a few months before the elections. Last year the Congress and the AIUDF came together and sent leading journalist Ajit Bhuyan, a prominent voice against the CAA, to the Rajya Sabha. His candidature was welcomed by the people. This larger alliance which has the Left parties, the Bodo People's Front and some smaller parties has the blessings of the people.

The 2016 assembly election vote share shows the Congress-AIUDF alliance stands to benefit from consolidation of votes in only 14 seats. Is that a worry?

You have only added the vote share of the Congress and the AIUDF, you have not added the vote share of the CPI-M or the BPF. The BJP president, Ranjit Kumar Dass, has had to change his seat because of the alliance. In this constituency the alliance candidate is not from the Congress or the AIUDF but a CPM candidate. Dass is unsure of winning his own seat. It shows how shaky and unsure the BJP is. So we cannot reduce the mahajot to just two parties, there are other parties with their own vote share and presence.

Is the Congress united? The state president, Ripun Bora, recently said if the Congress comes to power he should be the chief minister so there seems to be a tussle already.

All of us are united, none of us are here for our personal ambitions, we are here for the five guarantees that we have promised. If there is any division it is in the BJP where there are two camps. One camp seems to be favoured by the Prime Minister and other camp seems to have the favour of the union home minister. Many supporters of the chief minister have been denied tickets so clearly there are two leaders in the BJP.

How confident are you, surveys show the mahajot will fall short.

We are very confident, the response to Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi's meetings have been electrifying. They are engaging in personal, one-to-one meetings. Rahul met college students in a small town, Priyanka visited the home of a tea garden worker. When such interactions are captured on social media instead of large rallies they have a positive impact.

Was it a conscious decision to not have large rallies?

Q&A

We had a large rally in Sivasagar and we will have more. Let us call it the rally plus model where we also engage in meaningful conversations through personal meetings. Has Prime Minister Modi spent time with the tea garden workers? Has the PM gone to a college in Assam and fielded unscripted questions? He has not, but Rahul has. So through social media the people have seen the difference between our leaders and theirs.

WILL SUPPORT A CONGRESS CM, SAYS AJMAL

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR
@ Guwahati

MAULANA Badruddin Ajmal, chief of Assam's minority-based All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF), has reiterated he is not in the race for the chief minister's chair if the Congress-led grand alliance of Opposition grabs power.

"I am very happy to hear from my friends in Upper Assam that the Congress led #Mahajot has swept the first phase (polls). AIUDF looks forward to supporting a Congress chief minister after May 2," Ajmal tweeted.

This is the second time he is asserting that the CM candidate would be from the Congress if the Opposition alliance rises to power. His latest statement comes as Assam Minister and BJP's face in the northeast, Himanta Biswa Sarma, is allegedly trying to polarise voters by telling them that the AIUDF chief would become the Assam chief minister if the "Mahajot" grabs power.

Ajmal is viewed by his rivals and critics as a sympathizer of the illegal immigrants from Bangladesh. The AIUDF was floated in 2005 and most of its MLAs have been from the minority community.

Recently, Sarma had asserted that the BJP does not need the votes of the "Miyas" (Bengali-speaking Muslims), viewed the AIUDF's vote-bank. Later, he revised the statement by stating "I don't need the votes of the Miyas". His Jalukbari constituency has a negligible number of Bengali-speaking Muslim voters.

Maulana Badruddin Ajmal

The Congress-led grand alliance was formed with ten parties last month with the intention of ousting the BJP from power. The Congress-AIUDF alliance is expected to thwart the spilt of anti-BJP votes. In the 2016 elections, the Congress-AIUDF combine's vote share was more than that of the winning candidates from both the BJP or the AGP in 14 of the state's 126 seats.

The first phase elections on March 27 were held in 47 constituencies across Upper Assam and parts of Northern and Central Assam. The BJP-AGP combine had won 35 of the 47 seats in the last election. The Assamese-majority Upper Assam also has a sizeable population of tea garden workers.

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Maulana Badruddin Ajmal, All India United Democratic Front chief

Manipur DMs told not to shelter Myanmar refugees

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Manipur government has directed the Deputy Commissioners (District Magistrates) of five districts to not open any camps to provide food and shelter to people fleeing coup-hit Myanmar.

Manipur's Special Secretary (Home), H Gyan Prakash issued the directives in a "confidential" memo to the DMs of Chandel, Tengnoupal, Kamjong, Ukhrul and Churachandpur, all of which share a border with Myanmar.

"As the fallout of the events taking place in…Myanmar, it is reported that the country's nationals have been trying to enter India through the border states, including Manipur," the memo reads.

The DMs have been directed that people trying to enter/seek refuge in Manipur should be politely turned away. In case of grievous injuries, medical attention may be provided on humanitarian consideration.

"Aadhar enrolment should be stopped immediately and Aadhar enrolment kits taken into safe custody. A report on action taken may kindly be submitted by March 30," the memo reads.

Apart from Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh share a border with Myanmar. More than 500 people from the neighbouring country have already made their way into Mizoram.

Recently, the Mizoram government had written to the Centre, requesting it to view the Myanmar refugee crisis on humanitarian grounds and allow the fleeing people to enter India. But the Centre has directed the Assam Rifles to thwart influx from Myanmar.

India shares a 1,643 km land border with Myanmar. People from the country's Chin community and the Mizos in India belong to the Zo ethnic group, and they share the same ancestry. The Chin people are settled in Myanmar's Chin State, which shares a 404 km porous border with Mizoram.

A senior Mizoram home department official said that the government did not receive any further communication from the Centre on the Myanmarese refugee issue after the March 10 directive to stop illegal migration of people from that country.

I'm a Royal Bengal Tiger, Didi tells Suvendhu

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

ON a wheelchair in Nandigram, the epicentre of Bengal's high-octane poll, Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Benerjee held a massive rally along an eight km-long stretch under a scorching sun.

She lambasted her once trusted lieutenant Suvendu Adhikari, saying "Too much greed is not good. He (Adhikari) is doing whatever he wants. I can play games also. I can also respond like a lion. I am a Royal Bengal Tiger."

Countering Adhikari's comments labelling her as an outsider, she said, "You are branding me as an outsider and claiming yourself as a bhumiputra (son of the soil). Are you from Nandigram? No. You are from Contai which is not in the periphery of Nandigram."

Sharpening her attack, the TMC leader alleged at a rally that it was he (Suvendu) who had called the police in Nandigram on March 14, 2007.

She claimed that it was not the police but CPI(M) cadres, wearing police uniform, who had fired on the agitators.

"Without the knowledge of the father-son duo, police could not have entered Nandigram on that day," she said.

Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee meets people amid a rally in Nandigram on Monday | BIBHASH LODH

At least 14 people were killed in police firing at Nandigram on March 14, 2007, following which the Calcutta High Court had ordered a CBI investigation. Slamming the Adhikari family, the TMC supremo said, "it is my fault to have showered so much love on them." She alleged that she did not understand that they would turn out to be "venomous snakes".

Asking the TMC workers to guard the premises where the EVM machines would be kept after polling, Banerjee said, she would reward those who will do it, at the same time warning them against trusting even the local police.

The chief minister alleged that those who were CPI(M)'s goons earlier are now with the BJP. Urging TMC supporters to be aware of goons masquerading as policemen in muftis, Banerjee said that the people of Nandigram had a similar experience in 2007.

Party worker's mother killed, Shah raps Mamata

PTI @ New Delhi

THE BJP on Monday claimed that an 82-year-old woman, a party worker's mother, succumbed to her injuries sustained during an attack by Trinamool Congress supporters in Nimta area of West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district last month.

BJP workers staged a protest in front of Nimta police station and burnt tyres on M B Road, even as the TMC claimed that its activists were not involved in any attack and she might have died due to age-related ailments.

Expressing grief over the woman's death, Union Home Minister Amit Shah tweeted, "Anguished over the demise of Bengal's daughter Shova Majumdar ji, who was brutally beaten by TMC goons."

"The pain & wounds of her family will haunt Mamata didi for long. Bengal will fight for a violence-free tomorrow, Bengal will fight for a safer state for our sisters & mothers," Shah added in the Twitter post.

Union minister Debasree Chaudhuri said that Shova Majumdar succumbed to her injuries sustained during a TMC attack on her house on February 27. She had undergone treatment at a hospital for 27 days.

"*Ma, Mati, Manush* (TMC's slogan meaning mother, motherland, people) is blood-stained in West Bengal because of the violent barbaric attack that didn't even spare an 82- year-old woman," she told reporters, adding that her party might consider demanding a CBI inquiry into the incident.

Dismissing the allegations, TMC MP Sougata Roy said, "The incident has no relation with politics and the BJP is unnecessarily trying to cash on a death." "TMC men were not involved in any attack. We have information that she might have died due to old age-related ailments," he added.

BJP councillor, cop killed in J&K terror attack

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Srinagar

IN the second terrorist attack in the Kashmir Valley in five days, terrorists on Monday stormed the building where an Urban Local Body (ULB) meeting was being held in Sopore town in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, killing a BJP municipal councilor and a policeman. Another councilor was injured in the attack.

Police have blamed Lashkar-e-Toiba for the attack and also suspended four cops for not appropriately retaliating to the terrorist gunfire.

Militants fired from automatic rifles towards the Municipal Council Office, where the meeting of the councilors and chairperson of Sopore municipal council was being held in the afternoon.

Immediately after the militant attack, police, CRPF men and army men rushed to the area and launched a combing and search operation to track down the militants responsible for the attack. However, no arrests were made during the operation.

Meanwhile, in raids conducted in Kashmir's Kupwara district, security forces have seized a cache of arms and ammunition, including five AK assault rifles, from an area close to the Line of Control, an army official said on Monday.

"In a major success to security forces deployed in Karnah, a huge recovery was made in the late hours of Sunday owing to high state of alertness of the army and police," the official said. He said the security forces launched an operation based on specific intelligence input.

"The operation was conducted in very close proximity of the LoC in Dhanni village which is under direct observation of Pakistan Army posts in Lipa Valley," the official said.

Mehbooba denied passport over police report

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Regional Passport Office in Sringar has refused to accept PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti and her mother's applications for passport citing adverse reports from J&K police's Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

In two separate tweets, Mehbooba disclosed that Passport Officer Srinagar has refused to issue passports to her and her mother Gulshan Nazir, wife of late Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

She also released letters written to her by the passport officer informing them that J&K police CID, which is nodal agency for verification of applicant's antecedents, has opposed the grant of passport to the duo. The CID, as per the report, had returned her and her mother's application with note, "Note Recommended Passport Case" to the Passport Officer.

Mehbooba has been informed by the Passport Officer that she can appeal within 30 days to Joint Secretary (PSP) and Chief Passport Officer , Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi in case they want to file their grievance against the decision.

Mehbooba, had applied for a fresh passport in December after her passport had expired on May 31, 2020.

Ahmedabad	40	24	Mumbai	35	23
Bhopal	39	21	Panaji	33	26
Jaipur	37	22	Patna	37	20
Amritsar	33	13	Lucknow	39	24
Chennai	36	24	Port Blair	29	27
Kolkata	38	23	Imphal	24	16
Srinagar	17	6	Chandigarh	36	18

Migrant workers caught in debt trap

A year after lockdown, labourers struggle with fewer work days and crippling loan burdens

RITWIKA MITRA @ New Delhi

Geeta, 35, has little idea how she will pay off her debt of ₹20,000, due for a year to a moneylender in her village Umradara in Madhya Pradesh. Fewer earning days and the mounting interest amount have left the daily wager clueless.

Geeta was among thousands of migrant workers who trod back home during the Covid-19 lockdown last year. "I walked back along with my husband and two children. We were lucky to get space in a truck for a short distance. In December, I gave birth to my third child. Even after taking a loan in the lockdown, we could not afford the basics. Buying vegetables was a struggle. I have been unable to pay back anything," said Geeta. She who has returned to Ahmedabad for work.

Her story finds resonance among hundreds of women who have been severely impacted by the lockdown and pushed into debt.

Hiraben works as a construction worker in Surat, and is from Madhya Pradesh's Jhabua. She took a loan Rs 7,000 to sustain her family of five. "There was no work in the village, so I am back here. But the number of work days has gone down. I work hard so that I can pay off the debt," she said.

Last year, the United Nations said women were "bearing the brunt of the economic and social fallout of Covid-19". Around 435 million women and girls will be living on less than $1.90 a day by 2021, including 47 million pushed into poverty as a result of the pandemic, the UN said.

Ranu Bhogal, director, policy research and campaigns, Oxfam India, said the loss of livelihoods and non-payment of wages have forced women to borrow money at high interest rates. "Those who had borrowed could not repay, increasing their debt burden. It is important to remember that a large majority of women are employed in the informal sector -- domestic workers, garment sector workers, home-based employment such as bidi-rolling and in small-scale manufacturing," said Bhogal.

An ActionAid report released last year said women have few resources and depend heavily on their savings, and "more alarmingly on debt", especially in situations of economic shock and uncertainty.

90%

of India's total workforce belongs to the informal sector, according to the Economic Survey 2018-19

Sudhir Katiyar, secretary, Center for Labour Research and Action, said the absence of a comprehensive rehabilitation package compounded the woes of women migrant workers. "What the government provided was just emergency food services, and that is not enough," said Katiyar.

Bharti Ben, 40, and her husband had saved Rs 40,000, which they used up so that their family can survive the lockdown.

"First I pawned my jewellery to take a loan. With this, my husband and I tried to sell rangolis before Diwali. That did not work. I took a cash loan to set up a vegetable cart. But we could barely make ends meet. Now, I have no savings, no work and no idea how to reclaim my jewellery. Instead, I have a debt which I do not know how I will repay," said Bharti.

Labour economist KR Shyam Sundar said female migrant workers have a lower change of getting and retaining a job when compared to their male counterparts. "Women migrant workers unable to make ends meet will try to exhaust the social capital to borrow money, thereby getting into a vicious debt cycle. There should have a universal basic income for the women workers," he said.z

Women bear the brunt

Women workers shoulder most of the unpaid domestic work, said Divya Varma from Aajeevika Bureau, an organisation working with migrant communities. "Women's nutrition also suffers majorly in times of economic shock as they are often the primary caregivers. Their loss of livelihood pushes them further to the margins", she said

3 children burnt to death in Bodh Gaya on Holika Dahan night

Three children aged between 12 and 14, were burnt to death in a fire in the dry bushes of a hilltop in Bihar's Gaya district late on Sunday night. A fourth child, aged 12, has severe burn injuries and has been admitted at a hospital under the Bodh Gaya police station limits. The four kids went on the top of a nearby hill after burning the Holika on Sunday night at Rahul Nagar Tola of Mankosi village. One of them was carrying a burning piece of wood that slipped from the hand and rolled into dry bushes, which then caught fire quickly, charring three of them to death. The deceased were identified as 12-year-old Rohit Kumar, 13-year-old Nandlal Manjhi and 12-year-old Upendra Kumar. All of them belonged to the extremely poor Scheduled Caste Manjhi. After the accident, a pall of gloom descended on Rahul Nagar Tola and no one celebrated Holi on Monday. *Rajesh Kumar Thakur*

On the left, youngsters celebrate Holi in Patiala, Punjab. On the right, a family smear colours on a child in Mumbai | PTI

Shocking Holi revelry in some pockets

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@ New Delhi

IT was a mixed bag for Holi celebrations on Monday. While some parts of northern states saw muted celebrations, other areas saw no dampening of spirit, with youth gathering in large numbers and ignoring all Covid-19 protocols.

Recent research has pointed to an increase in coronavirus cases among the 18-45 age group in the second wave of infections the country is currently experiencing.

In Punjab & Haryana, coronavirus restrictions forced people to stay indoors. In Chandigarh too, people celebrated the festival at home as the administration prohibited the celebrations at public parks, Sukhna Lake and the Sector 17 Plaza. Clubs and hotels were also barred from holding any gathering. The coronavirus pandemic cast its shadow also on the Holi celebrations in parts of Uttar Pradesh with roads wearing a deserted look and people preferring to stay indoors, celebrating the festival with their family members.

In Lucknow, the district administration had on March 23 said in view of the Covid-19 situation, rain dance parties, open dance programmes and other public gatherings had been prohibited till further orders.

The permission given earlier for all such type of parties was also cancelled. However, pictures show massive crowds celebrating the festival in Vrindavan and Gorakhpur. Media reports also indicated that elderly people participated in the revelry in some places.

India reported 68,020 new daily infections on Monday – a significant rise from below 9,000 in early February. Mumbai reported more than 6,900 new cases – a record for the city of 20 million and more than double last year's peak.

In Rajasthan, while most people celebrated at home, youngsters could be seen moving around in groups spraying colours at each other.

In Mumbai, a large number of people, most of them without masks, gathered on a road in Mahim area of Mumbai on Monday morning and celebrated Holi while dancing to loud music, in violation of the Covid-19 guidelines.

Around 100 to 150 revellers came out of their homes to celebrate on the road located in Mahim Koliwada, even as police officials present there apparently did nothing to stop them.

Some women danced to loud music, while a few persons in the crowd were seen wearing PPE suits. A police official said they asked the people to stop the music and go back to their homes, but they did not pay heed to the advice. Later, Deputy Commissioner of Police Pranay Ashok and other senior police officials reached the spot and stopped the revelry.

Rape survivor beaten and paraded in MP village

ALIRAJPUR: A 16-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a 21-year-old man on Sunday in tribal- dominated Alirajpur district of Madhya Pradesh, following which villagers paraded both the accused and the victim in public by tying them with ropes, police said.

A total of six persons, including the man who is accused of rape, and five villagers, have been arrested.

A video showing the girl and the accused tied with ropes, being beaten and forced to walk in public in the village under Jobat police station amidst slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" has gone viral on social media.

The girl was rescued by police, a senior officer said.

Sub-Divisional Officer of Police (SDOP) Dilip Singh Bilwal said two cases were registered on Sunday on the FIRs lodged by the victim.

"One of the cases was registered against the 21-year-old man who is accused of rape. Another FIR was registered against family members of the girl and villagers for parading her in the village and beating her," Bilwal said, adding that the rape accused is married with two children.

He has been booked under sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and under provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Family members and relatives of the victim were booked under sections 294 (Obscene act in public places), 355, 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 342 (wrongful confinement) and other sections of the IPC, the officer said. *PTI*

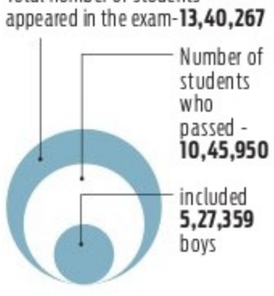
HOW GIRL STUDENTS FARED

STREAMS	GA	PASSED	%
Arts	4,47,404	3,57,481	79.90%
Commerce	25,460	24,059	94.50%
Science	1,70,620	1,36,897	80.24%
Vocational courses	194	154	79.38%

GA: Girls appeared

32 lakh kids brought back to school after lockdown

In a special post-lockdown drive, over 32 lakh kids have been enrolled in Bihar's government schools for classes 1-9. The *Praveshotsav* drive was done in the March 8-24 period to bring back drop-outs and left-outs on a large scale, by using teachers, Aanganwadi sevikas and Jeevika-Didis



For toppers in smaller Bihar cities, lockdown was blessing in disguise

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ Patna

The students of lesser known schools from smaller cities in Bihar have proved their talent again in the results of Bihar Intermediate exam, declared on Friday.

Among them, three girls belonging to middle class families have topped in all the three streams. The girls said they used the lockdown period to study thoroughly and get the top marks.

Sonali Kumari, who has topped in science stream, is the daughter of a thela vendor in Nalanda district; Madhu Bharati, the topper in arts, is the daughter of a teacher in Khagria; and Sugandha Kumar in Aurangabad, the commerce topper, is the daughter of a local fertiliser trader.

Almost all toppers conceded that the lockdown was challenging but they converted the crisis into opportunity by finishing studies.

Madhu Bharti and Sonali Kumari aspire to go into the IAS while the third topper Sugandha Kumari wants to be a chartered accountant.

Besides them, 90% of 27 other toppers, who are mostly girls, also aspire to go in the civil services.

Educational experts said that the pandemic failed to dampen the spirit of study among students, especially girls. "The 80-90% students who come from rural and semi-urban areas have become more concerned towards their study aiming to be in civil services and other coveted posts, compared with students of urban areas. As a result of this, students of rural background are ding better these days", said noted woman educationist Dr Archana Kumari.

BASTAR DRONE CRASH

An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), recently acquired to boost anti-Maoist operations in Bastar, crashed into the outer wall of Jagdalpur airport during a trial in Chhattisgarh

The Bastar zone inspector general of police, P Sunderraj, confirmed the 'crash-landing' incident and stated that no casualties or injuries were reported

The drone belonged the Defence Research and Development Organisation and is said to be procured from abroad, sources said

The crash is believed to be due to a technical snag. Officials didn't divulge more details owing the security reasons.

Jaishankar-Qureshi meet not 'finalised or requested'

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PAKISTAN Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi has said no meeting has been "finalised or requested" so far with his Indian counterpart S Jaishankar on the sidelines of the 'Heart of Asia' conference on Tuesday at Tajikistan's capital Dushanbe, as per a Pakistani media report on Monday.

The participation of both the ministers at the conference has sparked speculation of a possible meeting between the two leaders amidst recent peace overtures from the Pakistan Army.

China, for its part, said that it was "happy" over the recent "active interactions" between Pakistan and India.

Qureshi on Sunday told *Dawn* that 'no meeting has been finalised or requested.' When asked about media speculation that India and Pakistan have been quietly negotiating for the full resumption of diplomatic relations, Qureshi said, "No such decision yet." Jaishankar last week also did not give a specific reply to questions on whether he will meet Qureshi on the sidelines of the conference.

On Monday, Jaishankar held separate talks with his counterparts from Iran and Turkey on the sidelines of the conference at Dushanbe.

He described his conversation with Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif as "warm" and said it covered bilateral cooperation, including the Chabahar port project, located southern coast of energy-rich Iran.

EXPRESS READ

Five Naxals killed in Gadchiroli

Gadchiroli: Five Naxals, including two women cadre, who were carrying the collective reward of `43 lakh on their heads, were killed on Monday in an operation by C-60 commandos in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district, a police officer said. A cache of arms and ammunition and some electronic items, was recovered from the spot in Khobramenda forest area.

Confusion over Ajoy Mehta's status

Though Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray's principal advisor Ajoy Mehta was recently appointed as chairman of Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority (MahaRera), his office on the sixth floor of the state secretariat has not been allotted to anyone else. His name plate has also not been removed. It has been questioned how come a person can hold two highly important positions in the government. Demands have been made that the government clarify lest it creates confusion among officers. Mehta was close to the previous Fadnavis government as well as the Thackeray government

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Uddhav Thackeray: Coolest chief minister?

The Maharashtra government has faced controversy after controversy. But Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray is carrying on calmly without displaying any sharp reaction to recent events. His ministers say Thackeray is one of the coolest chief ministers in the country. Thackeray has reportedly even told his ministers not to react to the Opposition's "false propaganda". Besides, the government has decided to set up a panel comprising three-party ministers to carry out the damage control. The panel will meet regularly and discuss the current political situation in the state It will study the Opposition's allegations and respond to them in a point-by-point manner

NCP upset over Deshmukh controversy

The Nationalist Congress Party's leadership has expressed displeasure over allegations against Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh. Former top Mumbai cop Parambir Singh wrote an explosive letter alleging that Deshmukh had asked IPS officer Sachin Waze to collect Rs 100 crore from bars and restaurants every month. The party leadership said the allegations have tarnished the image of Maharashtra's coalition government, of which it is a constituent, ahead of the Assembly elections in five states. The recent meeting of NCP leader Supriya Sule and Congress president Sonia Gandhi should be seen as damage control

CM strictly following coronavirus norms

Uddhav Thackeray takes a lot of personal care in view of the pandemic, sources said. His wife and son have tested positive for Covid-19, but Uddhav's test came back negative. In the past, the CM tested negative twice. Uddhav has asked his cabinet colleagues to strictly follow the Covid-19 norms, including distancing, hand sanitizers, and avoidance of crowded places. His cabinet colleagues have not been able to keep the virus at bay: Dhananjay Munde tested positive twice and Bachhu Kadu tested positive three times

480 migrants

They were intercepted off Libya by coast guard forces over the weekend, the UN migration agency said

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	22	6	LC	Los Angeles	25	12	SNY
Colombo	30	25	TDS	Melbourne	18	9	TDS
Dhaka	40	24	LC	Moscow	4	-4	LC
Dubai	28	23	LC	New York	14	4	SNY
Houston	20	2	SNY	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	9	2	LC	Toronto	14	2	LC
London	22	6	SNY	Washington	12	1	LC

Mourners show the three-finger salute on Monday during the funerals of three protesters who were shot dead in Monywa, Sagaing | AFP

Protesters take to streets after bloodiest weekend

US President Biden leads international condemnation of Myanmar junta's ruthless crackdown even as 13 people were killed on Sunday

YANGON

PROTESTERS and mourners took to the streets of Myanmar on Monday after the deadliest weekend since the military coup, as US President Joe Biden led international condemnation of the junta's ruthless crackdown.

Soldiers and police have killed hundreds in a brutal campaign against mass anti-coup protests demanding a restoration of democracy and the release of ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

At least 107 people, including seven children, were killed on Saturday, the United Nations said, as the regime staged a major show of might for Armed Forces Day -- an annual parade showcasing Myanmar's military prowess.

More than 450 people have been killed in the crackdown on protests since the February 1 coup, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) monitoring group, as security forces have used rubber bullets and live rounds to break up demonstrations.

Saturday was by far the deadliest day of the crackdown, and AAPP said a further 13 people were killed on Sunday. Despite the weekend violence, protesters turned out at dawn in towns and cities around the country.

Hundreds paraded through the town of Plate, in Mandalay region, with banners saying: "The people will never be defeated".

Shameful, cowardly, brutal, says Joe Biden

President Biden condemned the weekend's events as "terrible", while UN rights envoys slammed the "shameful, cowardly, brutal" actions of the security forces.

"It's absolutely outrageous and based on the reporting I've gotten, an awful lot of people have been killed totally unnecessarily," Biden told reporters.

China added its voice to a chorus of international concern, calling for restraint from all sides.

"Violence and bloody clashes do not meet the interests of any party. The victims are the Myanmar people," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said.

Russia on Monday acknowledged it was developing ties with Myanmar after deputy defence minister Alexander Fomin and other officials joined the weekend parade, but said that did not mean it approved of the "tragic events" unfolding. *AFP*

Air strikes in Karen

An estimated 3,000 people fled through the jungle to seek safety across the border in Thailand on Sunday following targeted aerial assaults in eastern Myanmar's Karen state, the Karen Women's Organisation civil society group said. Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-Cha told reporters in Bangkok on Monday that the military was preparing for further arrivals.

Women pray for protesters| AFP

US suspends trade pact

The US suspended a trade pact with Myanmar on Monday. The Biden administration announced that the 2013 Trade and Investment Framework Agreement would remain suspended till democracy is restored. This effectively removes Myanmar from the Generalized System of Preferences, in which the US grants duty-free access to some imports from developing nations if they meet key standards.

French pharma giant convicted of deceit, manslaughter for weight loss pill deaths

PARIS

A FRENCH court on Monday found pharma giant Servier guilty of aggravated deceit and involuntary manslaughter over hundreds of deaths caused by its diabetes and weight loss pill, in one of France's biggest health scandals.

The drug Mediator was on the market for 33 years and used by about five million people before being pulled out in 2009 after being linked to serious heart problems -- more than a decade after concerns had first been raised.

The company "weakened people's trust in the health system", the court's presiding judge Sylvie Daunis said as she pronounced the verdict.

"Although they knew about the risks for many years... they never took the necessary measures", she said.

Instead Servier deliberately "misled" consumers, she said, fining it 2.7 million euros ($3.2 million) for aggravated deceit, involuntary manslaughter and causing unintentional injury.

The company, which was ordered to pay tens of millions of euros in damages to more than 6,500 plaintiffs, was, however, cleared of fraud.

The Mediator scandal laid bare the lobbying power of big pharma in France, with Servier currying influence with experts at public health authorities, some of whom were on its payroll.

Servier's former deputy boss, Jean-Philippe Seta, the right-hand man to its late chairman Jacques Servier, was sentenced to a suspended jail sentence of four years and a fine of 90,600 euros. He was also ordered to pay several million euros in damages. Four other former pharmaceutical industry executives and health experts were given suspended jail terms for conflict of interest.

France's medicines agency ANSM, meanwhile, was fined 303,000 euros for its delay in suspending the use of the drug, despite repeated warnings over its side effects.

In a damning verdict for the regulator the court convicted it of involuntary manslaughter and causing unintentional injury, saying it "seriously failed in its role as health watchdog".

Initially intended for overweight people with diabetes, Mediator was widely prescribed to healthy individuals as an appetite suppressant. In 1999, the drug was first linked to damage of the heart valves. *AFP*

'Lost 10 kg in a month'

Many of the victims who testified during the trial in late 2019 and early 2020 were women who were so exhausted they had to remain seated while giving evidence. "It was said that the drug was extraordinary. I lost ten kilos the first month," said one plaintiff, Stephanie, who took the drug for three years.

500 people died after taking the drug

2,100 likely toll eventually, according to experts

150 MILLIGRAMS: 2016 French film on the work of lung specialist Irene Frachon who highlighted the risks by the drug

6,500 + plaintiffs seeking one billion euros in damages

Newlyweds blamed for Church attack

INDONESIA

AUTHORITIES on Monday identified a newly married couple with suspected militant links as the attackers who used a pressure cooker to blow themselves up outside a Roman Catholic cathedral during Palm Sunday Mass. The attack wounded 20 people, including four church guards, and damaged windows at the church and nearby buildings in Makassar, the capital of South Sulawesi province.

The couple married six months ago and police were still investigating at their house in Makassar, National Police spokesperson Argo Yuwono said. "Investigations are still being carried out," Yuwono said.

Police identified the couple only by their initials, L and his wife, YSF. Neighbours of the couple identified the man as Lukman and his wife as Dewi, who were between 23 and 26 years old. The attackers detonated their bombs when they were confronted by guards outside the church.

The pressure cooker bombs contained high explosive materials and nails to cause more harm to the victims, said Makassar city police chief Witnu Urip Laksana. Police carried out DNA tests from relatives to determine the attackers' identities, Laksana said. The couple were believed to have been members of Jemaah Anshorut Daulah, which has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group and carried out a series of suicide bombings in Indonesia.

They included the 2016 Starbucks attack in Jakarta, which killed four civilians and four militants; an attack on a bus terminal in the capital that killed three police officers; and an attack on a church in Kalimantan that killed a 2-year-old girl a year later. *PTI*

Indonesian police conduct a raid at the house of the two attackers | AFP

BILLIONAIRE DIES IN ALASKA COPTER CRASH

PRAGUE

PETR Kellner, the Czech Republic's wealthiest person with a fortune topping $13 billion, died, aged 56, in a helicopter crash in Alaska, his spokeswoman said on Monday.

Kellner, who meticulously guarded his privacy, owned the financial, telecommunications, engineering and insurance PPF Group, which employs 94,000 people worldwide. "With deep regret, we announce that PPF Group founder and majority shareholder Mr Petr Kellner died tragically in a helicopter crash in the Alaska Range on Saturday," PPF Group spokeswoman Jitka Tkadlecova said. "The causes of the accident, in which five people died in total, are being investigated," she added. Czech media said Kellner was on a heli-skiing trip.

Petr Kellner

Forbes magazine put Kellner's wealth in 2020 at 293 billion Czech crowns (11.2 billion euros, $13.2 billion).

Kellner, who started his business selling copy machines, founded the PPF Group in 1991, two years after the fall of Communism in the former Czechoslovakia.

The group with global assets worth 44 billion euros comprises Home Credit International, the world's largest non-banking consumer lender with extensive activities on the Chinese market. *AP*

SolarWinds: Suspected Russian hackers accessed US Homeland Security e-mails

WASHINGTON

SUSPECTED Russian hackers gained access to email accounts belonging to the Trump administration's head of the Department of Homeland Security and members of the department's cybersecurity staff whose jobs included hunting threats from foreign countries, The Associated Press has learned.

The intelligence value of the hacking of then-acting Secretary Chad Wolf and his staff is not publicly known, but the symbolism is stark.

Their accounts were accessed as part of what's known as the SolarWinds intrusion and it throws into question how the US government can protect individuals, companies and institutions across the country if it can't protect itself.

"The SolarWinds hack was a victory for our foreign adversaries, and a failure for DHS,' said Senator Rob Portman of Ohio, top Republican on the Senate's Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. "We are talking about DHS's crown jewels." The Biden administration has tried to keep a tight lid on the scope of the SolarWinds attack as it weighs retaliatory measures against Russia. But an inquiry by the AP found new details about the breach at DHS and other agencies, including the Energy Department, where hackers accessed top officials' private schedules.

The AP interviewed more than a dozen current and former US government officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the confidential nature of the ongoing investigation into the hack.

The vulnerabilities at Homeland Security in particular intensify the worries following the SolarWinds attack and an even more widespread hack affecting Microsoft Exchange's email program, especially because in both cases the hackers were detected not by the government but by a private company. *AP*

Mr MUSCLE

At 72, Malaysian bodybuilder still going strong

MALAYSIA

WORKING out with ageing equipment in his modest gym, 72-year-old Malaysian bodybuilder A Arokiasamy bench presses two dumbbells and then flexes his muscular arms.

Despite his advancing years, the champion still pumps iron every day, and believes staying healthy with a vigorous routine is the best defence against the coronavirus.

Arokiasamy got into bodybuilding after dropping out of school. He went on to represent Malaysia in several editions of Mr Universe and won gold in the 1981 Southeast Asian Games in the Philippines.

Arokiasamy — whose hero is Arnold Schwarzenegger, the movie star and former Mr Universe — started coaching aspiring bodybuilders in lifting weights and opened his gym in his hometown of Teluk Intan.

72-year-old A Arokiasamy works out at his gym in Teluk Intan | AFP

"Weightlifting and exercise can slow down ageing and keep you healthy," Arokiasamy, who has seven children and five grandchildren, said. The gym run by Arokiasamy, a member of multi-ethnic Malaysia's Indian minority, is a small building next to his home that is open to the public, charging the equivalent of just one dollar a day.

It is filled with battered weights and an array of other gear, some of it made from scrap metal, and is constantly busy with men pumping iron and getting tips from the veteran bodybuilder. Arokiasamy had a tough upbringing, leaving school aged 11 to work and support his poor family. He tried various sports -- hockey, badminton and football – but did not make it onto any teams.

However, he built up his strength by chopping firewood, and hit on the idea of trying bodybuilding. "I headed to a gym near my house and began to build up my muscles," he said.

He had his first success in 1968, winning the gold medal in a competition in his home state of Perak, and went on to compete in Malaysia and internationally for many years. *AFP*

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE
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BETWEEN: Canara Bank ... Applicant
AND: Mr. Mohammed Khan & Ors ... Defendant
SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
To, **1. Mr. Mohammed Khan** S/o Budan Saheb, No. 11 M VR Block J C Nagar Bangalore 560006. **2. Mrs. Rahathunnissa** W/o Mohammed Khan, No. 11, M V R Block, J C Nagar, Bangalore-560006.
Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs. 56,63,328.14/- (Rupees fifty six lakhs sixty three thousand three hundred twenty eight and paise fourteen only) as on 31.03.2020 together with current and future interest and for other reliefs.
Take notice that you are hereby required to appear before this Tribunal to show cause on **11/05/2021** at 10.30 A.M. in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice of interim relief sought.
Take notice that in case of default the application/ interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on 19-02-2021.
By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore.

IN THE COURT OF THE SMALL CAUSES JUDGE, MAYO HALL, AT BENGLURU
O.S.26010/2007
(CCH-21) Hearing Date:- / /2021
BETWEEN :
PLAINTIFFS
1. Sri. M.R.Ravikumar S/o Late Sri. M.R.Ramamurthy, Aged about 48 yrs
2. Smt. Prema, W/o Sri. M.R.Ravikumar, Aged about 35 yrs, Both r/at # 10/1, E Street, Ashoknagar, Bangalore- 25.
Vs
DEFENDANTS: 1. Sri. Gangaram and Ors
SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
14. Smt. Rajeshwari, D/o Lakshmi Devi Aged about 67 years R/at No. 267, 5th Square Center Road,Austin Town, Agram Ward No. 114, Bengaluru-560 047
15.Smt. Shamala, D/o Lakshmi Devi Aged about 65 years R/at No. 267, 5th Square Center Road, Austin Town, Agram Ward No. 114, Bengaluru-560 047
16 Smt. Sukanya, D/o Lakshmi Devi Aged about 62 years. R/at No. 267, 5th Square Center Road, Austin Town, Agram Ward No. 114, Bengaluru-560 047
17 Smt. Smt. Sujatha, D/o Lakshmi Devi Aged about 60 years R/at No. 267, 5th Square Center Road, Austin Town, Agram Ward No. 114, Bengaluru-560 047
18 Sri. Sathyanarayana, S/o Lakshmi Devi Aged about 58 years R/at No.267, 5th Square Center Road, Austin Town, Agram Ward No. 114, .,Bengaluru-560 047
19 Smt. Kala, D/o Lakshmi Devi Aged about 56 years R/at No. 267, 5th Square Center Road, Austin Town, Agram Ward No. 114, Bengaluru-560 047
20 Sri. Krishnamurthy, S/o Lakshmi Devi Aged about 52 years R/at No. 267, 5th Square Center Road, Austin Town, Agram Ward No. 114, Bengaluru-560 047
21 Smt. Meena, D/o Lakshmi Devi Aged about 48 years R/at No. 267, 5th Square Center Road, Austin Town, Agram Ward No. 114, Bengaluru-560 047
22. Sri. Desraj, Aged about 75 years S/o Rama Bai R/at No. 8, Lidkhar Colony, K G Halli, Bengaluru-560 045
23. Tammu Aged about 73 years S/o Rama Bai R/at No: 8, Lidkhar Colony, K G Halli, Bengaluru-560 045
25. Smt. Nirmala, Aged about 68 years D/o Rama Bai R/at No. 8, Lidkhar Colony, K G Halli, Bengaluru-560 045
28 Sri. Jayakumar, Aged about 60 years S/o Rama Bai R/at No. 8, Lidkhar Colony, K G Halli, Bengaluru-560 045
29. Sri. Prasad, Aged about 58 years S/o Rama Bai R/at No. 8, Lidkhar Colony, K G Halli, Bengaluru-560 045
31. Smt. Anitha, Aged about 53 years D/o Rama Bai R/at No. 8, Lidkhar Colony, K G Halli, Bengaluru-560 045
32.Sri Shivkumar, Aged about 45 years
33. Smt. Asha, Aged about 40 years
34. Sri, Srinivas, Aged about 35 years
32 to 34 All children of Late **Smt. Kasturi,** D/o Smt. Chandramma
35. Sri Raj Kumar, aged about 48 years,
36.Sri. Kishore Kumar, aged about 42 years,
37. Sri. Naveen, aged about 39 years
38. Smt. Lakshmi aged about 36 years
39. Sri. Deepak, aged about 33 yrs.
35 to 39 All children of Late **Smt. Indrani,** D/o Smt. Chandramma R/at No. 210, 9th Cross, Naidu Layout.
Sree Ram Sameeksha Apartments
Jalahalli East, Bengaluru-560 014.
46. Sri. Krishnamurthy, Aged about 63 years S/o Smt. Premavathi r/at # 7, Bangar Street, Mettupalyam, Perembur, Chennai -12.
Whereas the Plaintiffs herein have instituted the above suit against you. You are hereby summoned to appear in this court (CCH-21, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE) in O S No. 26010/2007 in person or by a pleader on / /2021 at 11 a.m, failing which the suit will be determined exparte against you.
Given under my hand and seal of the court this
By. Order of the Court
Sd/-
Sheristedar
CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS COURT
MAYO HALL UNIT, BANGALORE
Advocate for Plaintiff: **LEGAL AXIS**
M.D RAGHUNATH
109, 1ST Floor, Dharmaraja Koil Street, Shivajinagar, Blore-1.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.: KPCL/2020-21/PS/WORK_INDENT10915/ Date: 26.03.2021
NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Through e-Procurement portal only)
Name of work: **"Pressure Testing, Refilling and Painting of 45 Nos. CO2 Cylinders of Unit 1&2 Generator Fire Protection System and spare cylinders".** Last date and time for submission of completed bids (2 Covers) : **27.04.2021 at 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the **Office of the Executive Engineer (O&M) GDPH, KPCL, Hidkal Dam-591107** during working hours. Phone/Fax: 08333-263249, e-Mail: **eeegdphkpcl@gmail.com** website: **www.karnatakapower.com**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No. SESP/e-tender Date: 25-03-2021
ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal Only)
e-tenders are published in Karnataka Govt. e-portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under **"GOODS" category on 17-03-2021 & 25-03-2021** as per RTPS requirements for **Procurement of Steel, LRB Wool Mattress, Refractory, Filter-Regulator-Lubircator Combination Unit, ERV Solenoid, 5/2 Way Solenoid Valve, HEA Flexible Rod & Tip and Hydraulic Hoses.** All relevant details of the bids are available in the above mentioned e-portal. Any further details can be had from the **Superintending Engineer (Stores & Purchase), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar - 584 170, Dist. Raichur, Cell: 9449596560, e-mail : sesprtps@gmail.com**

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Govt. of Kanataka Enterprise)
The Office of Executive Engineer, No.4, HLBC Division, CNNL, Turuvekere. Tel. 08139-287353
E-Mail-eeturuvekerediv4@gmail.com
E-Procurement Item rate Term Tender Notification No : 12/2020-21 Dated : 29.03.2021 'Two Cover System'
On behalf of the Managing Director CNNL,Executive Engineer No.4, HLBC Division Turuvekere has invited Two cover Item rate tender through e-Procurement from Contractors. Karnataka transparency act GO no FD9PCL2004 Dated 06-08-2005 and as per latest amendments, Registered in procurement cell Centre for e-governance Room no 141, 2nd gate M.S. Building, Bangalore-560001 KPWD/CPWD /ID/ any other Govt. organization and enrolled their name in CNNL.
(1) Name of Work:- Improvements to Road from Kibbanahally to Kibbanahally Palya in Tiptur Taluk (34582) Form fees as provided in E-Portal, Period for completion of work (Inclusive of monsoon period) 04 months. Eligible contractor catageory -1'B'. Submission of filled tender documents, last date for obtaining under E-Procurement blank form,for online E-Procurement for payment of EMD Dated: **29.03.2021** to **07.04.2021.** (upto 16.00 hours). Last date for any queries relating to process of bid clarification Dated: **31.03.2021** (upto 16.00 hours). Opening of Technical bid in E-Procurement on Dated: **09.04.2021** (after 16.30 hours), Opening of Financial bid after approval of technical bid. For any further details please contact https://eproc.karnatak.gov.in and in office during working hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
No.4, HLBC Division,CNNL Turuvekere.
DIPR/TUM/505/MCA/2020-21
STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19. NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

66% The Sensex jumped 19,540 points (66.3%) in FY21 despite Covid-led disruptions and concerns over its impact on the economy

World shifts focus to clean energy but China clings to coal

A new report by Ember shows that while most major coal power-heavy economies chose to move away from polluting fuels in 2020, Beijing was unable to do so

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

CONSISTENT focus on incentivising renewable energy over the past few years has seen India and the world move away from coal-powered electricity value chains, with China remaining the only major economy that saw an increase in coal power during 2020.

According to energy think tank Ember, India saw a 5% decline in coal power in 2020, the second consecutive year during which the country reduced coal power contribution. Ember analysts note that most major coal power-heavy economies around the world have been moving away from the polluting fossil fuel. United States (-20%), Japan (-1%) and Korea (-13%) saw a decline in coal power.

The global average has also moved toward clean fuel sources and away from coal. Helped along by the pandemic, which halted power consumption growth in 2020, wind and solar power increased their share of the pie. Wind and solar power grew 15% globally during the year, while coal saw a record fall of 4% (-346 terawatt-hours or TWh).

China remains the only major nation that has increased its coal power generation during the year. Despite a large 16% growth in wind and solar (+98 TWh), China's coal generation rose by 1.7% (+77 TWh).

"Despite some progress, China is still struggling to curb its coal generation growth," said Muyi Yang, senior electricity policy analyst at Ember. "Fast-rising demand for electricity is driving up coal power and emissions," he added.

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Muyi Yang, senior electricity policy analyst at Ember

India has fared better in this regard. Coal power fell 5% during 2020 even as solar power generation jumped 27% . "India has started its clean electricity transition", said Aditya Lolla, senior analyst at Ember, adding, "India now needs to ramp up wind and solar considerably in the next decade to both replace coal and meet rising electricity demand. India has the opportunity to ensure that coal generation doesn't see a resurgence after the last two years of coal falling."

While the world average is moving away from coal, emissions remain high, Ember analysts note. Coal, for instance, while seeing a small decline, remained the world's single largest power source in 2020. Global coal generation was only 0.8% lower in 2020 than in 2015 and gas generation was 11% higher. Despite wind and solar generation doubling since 2015, this has not been sufficient to replace fossil fuels due to rising demand, they say.

"In Asia, where electricity demand grew quickest, clean electricity was only able to meet part of the rising electricity demand; around half in both China (54%) and India (57%) from 2015 to 2020. Where coal has fallen significantly, including in Europe and the United States, the emission reductions have been partly cancelled out by an increase in fossil gas," Ember said.

Sharp rise in input cost dents cement firms' profitability

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A significant increase in input costs has resulted in a steady increase in cement prices across India over the current quarter. However, the rise in retail prices is unlikely to benefit cement companies in the short term. In fact, cement manufacturers are likely to see an impact on their profitability during the quarter, say analysts tracking the sector.

According to research agency ICRA, cement companies have already undertaken price hikes to the tune of around 7% on average year-on-year (3%-8% month-on-month) during March 2021 due to the increase in input costs.

"This hike is driven by the increase in the input costs, primarily power and fuel expenses and freight expenses over the last few months. Further, the prices are likely to largely sustain in the near term supported by the healthy rural demand and the significant uptick in infrastructure activity," it said in a report.

Power and fuel, and freight expenses account for 50-55% of the total costs for cement manufacturers and the cost of production is likely to be higher by 3-4% year-on-year during the current quarter.

Coal prices have also increased from $49 per tonne in September 2020 to $88 per tonne in February 2021, and $84 per tonne in March 2021.

Pet coke, another key input resource for cement, has seen prices reach ₹12,600 per tonne in March 2021 from ₹8,000 per tonne in September 2020. In the fourth quarter of FY21, these prices have been higher by 73% year-on-year and 29% quarter-on-quarter.

The increase in the power and fuel expenses caused by higher pet coke prices and the rise in freight expenses due to higher diesel prices has resulted in a decline in cement companies' operational profit margins by 8.7 per cent compared to the previous quarter. This figure has been declining since the second quarter of the previous year—falling 7.6% quarter-on-quarter in Q2 FY21 and a 9% quarterly fall in Q3 FY21.

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ICRA report

"While the cement prices are likely to largely sustain driven by the significant uptick in the demand, the higher input costs due to the increasing crude oil prices are likely to result in moderation of OPBIDTA/MT... With the decline in OPBIDTA/MT, the debt coverage metrics are expected to witness marginal deterioration in FY2022 - TD/OPBIDTA to 1.8x times from 1.6x times and interest cover to 6.4x times from 7.0x times in FY2021," the ICRA report said.

Online streaming biz rides on pandemic dynamics

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

THE coronavirus pandemic has impacted most of India's businesses. But it has turned out to be a boon for the country's video-streaming platforms, also called over-the-top (OTT), which are witnessing a growth like never before. The user base has swelled from 23 million in April 2020 to 31 million in February this year, says a new report by market research firm Redseer.

Most users subscribe to more than one OTT platform. These platforms together clocked a subscription revenue of $68 million in February 2021 — a 42% year-on-year increase.

According to experts tracking the OTT space, the growth is expected to soar further as the country is bracing for a second Covid wave. Popular OTT platforms such as Hotstar+Disney, Voot Select and regional SVoD (subscription video on demand) channels like HoiChoi and SunNXT are driving the growth with more people shifting their entertainment spends from offline to online. The add-on offers by telcos to woo their customers with free OTT subscriptions have also helped the streaming market. For instance, Reliance's Jio Fibre broadband comes with free Netflix and Amazon Prime Video subscriptions.

However, in terms of engagement levels, the average time spent by an OTT user as of February 2021 dropped 6% to 188 billion minutes. The prime reason for the drop in engagement is that people started moving out after the Covid-19 restrictions eased and their favourite TV soaps started again.

With more releases in the pipeline, the engagement is likely to increase.

In the movies segment, Hotstar engagement (33% market share) was more than that of Netflix (4%) and Amazon Prime Video (10%). Lately, Netflix has started offering monthly mobile subscriptions at lower rates to compete with rivals.

"Our research shows that out of the 188 billion minutes spent on OTT, users spent the highest that is 69 billion minutes on daily soaps followed by movies with 31 billion minutes and then originals produced by the OTT platforms. Voot dominates the daily soaps genre compared to its players while 'Others' together contribute 31% as well. On the other hand, Hotstar dominates movies genre with 33%. Over the past year, consumer behaviour has largely changed as they now heavily rely on OTT platforms for new content. This will inevitably accelerate the growth trajectory of the industry," Redseer said in its report.

Action-packed April as carmakers line up new SUVs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

IT is going to be an action-packed April for the sports utility vehicle (SUV) space as major carmakers are all set to launch new models next month.

On top of the list is the much-anticipated Alcazar SUV by Hyundai Motor Company, India's second largest carmaker, which will be unveiled on April 6. The very next day, April 7, will witness the launch of C5 Aircross SUV by French carmaker Citroen, the new kid in India's crowded four-wheeler market.

Separately, Kia Motors is expected to launch an updated version of Seltos on April 27.

The Alcazar will mark Hyundai's re-entry into the 7-seater SUV space, a segment that has become very competitive in recent times. Alcazar will rival the likes of the recently launched Tata Safari, MG Hector Plus, Toyota Innova and the soon-to-be-launched updated Mahindra XUV500.

Both the SUVs are expected to have a lot in common, including the frontal look. Like other SUVs in this segment, Hyundai will offer Alcazar in both 6-seater and 7-seater variants.

According to sources, the Alcazar is based on Hyundai's best-selling SUV Creta. It is also powered by the engine and transmission options used in the Creta, sources added.

Coming to Citroen, the French carmaker has already started pre-bookings of C5 Aircross for a token amount of ₹50,000 and it will retail at the brand's dealerships called La Maison located in 10 cities.

The SUV will be imported in parts and assembled in India. It expected to be priced between ₹25-30 lakh.

The C5 Aircross will be available in two variants – Feel and Shine. Standard equipment on offer include a 12.3-inch digital instrument cluster, an 8.0-inch touchscreen, hands free parking, powered driver seat, six airbags and more.

The SUV will be offered with a single engine and transmission option. It will be powered by a 2.0-litre diesel engine that produces 175bhp and 400Nm of torque, paired to an 8-speed automatic transmission.

As for Kia Seltos, the successful SUV will be the first Kia product in India to get the brand's new logo that made its debut recently. Additionally, it may come with panoramic sunroof feature. However, there won't be any mechanical updates on 2021 Seltos.

Separately, Volkswagen India will announce bringing its second batch of T-Roc SUV on April 1, but at a premium of about ₹1 lakh to ₹1.5 lakh. The previous model carried a price tag of ₹19.99 lakh.

VOLATILITY

Covid cases, global cues to pull markets

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Equity markets are likely to witness a volatile trend in the holiday-shortened week ahead and would be majorly driven by the Covid-19 situation in the country and global cues, analysts said. Markets will remain closed on Monday for Holi and on Friday for Good Friday.

Rising Covid-19 cases in the country have dented market sentiment of late.

"This week is a truncated one as far as Indian markets are concerned due to couple of holidays (Monday- Holi and Friday -Good Friday), hence traders would watch the global cues closely," PTI quoted Siddhartha Khemka, head of retail research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services, as saying.

With no major events in this week, markets may continue to remain volatile especially because of rising Covid-19 cases, said Nirali Shah, head of equity research at Samco Securities.

Auto stocks would remain in focus amid sales data announcement. Bourses would also track Brent crude, movement of rupee and investment pattern of foreign institutional investors.

"Market was in a consolidation stage due to fear of the second wave of Covid-19 and high valuation. Stability depends on the pace of vaccination and fourth-quarter results," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

EXPRESS READ

Biocon partners with Libbs Farmaceutica to launch generic formulations in Brazil

New Delhi: Biotechnology major Biocon Ltd on Monday said its subsidiary Biocon Pharma has tied up with Libbs Farmaceutica to launch generic drugs in Brazil, the world's sixth most populous country. This partnership, which marks the entry of Biocon's generic formulations into Latin America, builds upon a successful association with Libbs, which began in 2017 to launch biosimilar Trastuzumab in Brazil, the company said

Ascendas adds 1.65 mn sq ft to its kitty

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

ASCENDAS India Trust (a-iTrust), a property trust that owns seven IT parks and one logistics park in India, on Monday said it will acquire two buildings of an IT park at Hebbal in Bengaluru for an estimated transaction value of ₹1,441 crore.

Ascendas Property Fund Trustee Pte Ltd, the trustee-manager of a-iTrust, has entered into a forward purchase agreement with Gardencity Realty Private Limited to acquire the two buildings, which have a total net leasable area of 1.65 million sq ft. The trust will also provide funding for the development of the project as part of the forward purchase arrangement, a company statement read. Initially, and during the construction period, a-iTrust's investment in the construction of the project will be through debt. The forward purchase acquisition will take place after completion of the construction and is subject to the receipt of the occupancy certificate for the project.

Bulging portfolio

After the acquisition is complete, a-iTrust's portfolio size (including pipeline projects) will rise 7.2% from 23.2 million sq ft to 24.9 million sq ft

"The proposed acquisition will provide an opportunity to establish our presence in Hebbal, one of Bengaluru's upcoming IT/ITES micro-markets, which is currently witnessing stable demand and rent. The improving connectivity and infrastructure near the project would benefit our tenants in the future," said Sanjeev Dasgupta, CEO, Ascendas Property Fund Trustee.

U.S. SANCTIONS

China cuts taxes to spur semiconductor development

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IN a bid to circumvent US sanctions, China on Monday announced tax breaks to spur growth of its semiconductor industry. According to China's finance ministry, chipmakers will be allowed to import machinery and raw materials tax-free through 2030. However, there was no clarity on how large the subsidy will be.

Over the past two decades, Beijing has spent heavily to build up a Chinese chip industry. However, Chinese manufacturers still rely on the US, Europe and Taiwan for their most advanced components.

What precipitated matters was former US president Donald Trump's decision to cut off Huawei Technologies Ltd.'s access to American processor chips and other technology in 2019 in a fight over Beijing's industrial ambitions.

Last year, Trump tightened curbs by prohibiting global suppliers from using US technology to make chips for Huawei. That threatens to cripple its smartphone business, which was the No. 1 global seller in early 2020 but has dropped out of the top five brands.

Political analysts expect little change in the US position under President Joe Biden, who succeeded Trump in January. Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei said in February it is 'very unlikely' sanctions will be lifted.

Processor chips and other semiconductors are China's biggest single import, totalling more than $300 billion a year.

Under the latest measure, machinery and raw materials 'that cannot be produced or whose performance cannot meet demand' will be exempt from import tax. That applies to photoresists, masks, polishing pads and liquids, silicon crystals and wafers, materials to build clean rooms and other production equipment, according to the announcement.

IMPORT DUTY EXEMPTION FOR RAW MATERIALS

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Govt gets multiple bids for Neelachal Ispat Nigam, says DIPAM secretary

THE government has received multiple expressions of interest from bidders for privatisation of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL), DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said on Monday.

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) 'had in January invited preliminary bids for strategic sale of NINL. The last date for bid submission was March 29.

"Multiple expressions of interest received for privatisation of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd.(NINL)," Pandey tweeted.

The transaction has now moved ahead to the second stage, he added.

NINL is a joint venture of MMTC, NMDC, BHEL, MECON and 2 Odisha government-owned undertakings ' OMC and IPICOL.

In January last year, the Cabinet had approved strategic disinvestment of equity shareholding of MMTC (49.78 per cent), NMDC (10.10 per cent), MECON (0.68 per cent), BHEL (0.68 per cent), IPICOL (12.00 per cent) and OMC (20.47 per cent) in NINL.

The process of privatisation of Air India, BPCL, Pawan Hans, BEML and Shipping Corp has also moved to the second stage after the government received multiple expressions of interest (EoI) for these CPSEs.

For 2021-22, the government has set a disinvestment target of Rs 1.75 lakh crore, over five times what it is aiming to raise in the current financial year. In the Revised Estimates, the target has been set at Rs 32,000 crore for the current fiscal.

So far this fiscal, the government has netted Rs 32,835 crore through minority stake sale in CPSEs and share buybacks.

PTI

Perera first Sri Lankan to hit six sixes in an over

Thisara Perera became the first Sri Lankan to hit six sixes in an over in any form of professional cricket. The 31-year-old achieved the feat during his unbeaten 13-ball 52 while captaining Sri Lanka Army in a group match against Bloomfield Cricket and Athletic Club in the Major Clubs Limited Over List A tournament in Colombo.

Bhavani keen on Italy trip before Oly

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

NEVER has an Indian fencer been a brand ambassador for any product, enterprise or an organisation. But Bhavani Devi, who became the first Indian fencer to qualify for Olympics, is an exception. She was on Monday appointed as a goodwill ambassador for 'MY'. 'MY' is the world's first safety lifestyle brand.

"Her (Bhavani's) persona completely resonates with our brand and our motto of creating a safe and secure lifestyle for all," said Kavin Kumar Kandasamy, founder and CEO of 'MY'. Bhavani is also pleased with her new role.

Looking back at her journey in qualifying for the Olympics Bhavani says mental toughness came in handy. "A lot of hard work has gone behind in qualifying for Olympics. Few people know that there was hardly any support for the sport when I started. My parents and family were the only support for me. Later on the SAI and SDAT TN and other people supported me," recalled Bhavani.

"I am mentally tough. Without being mentally tough you cannot survive in any sport today. I am always focused on my goals. I work earnestly and follow the process that is required to achieve my goals," said Bhavani in a chat with *Express*.

She is keen to get back to Italy and train with her coach for the Tokyo Olympics. "The various tournaments scheduled before the Olympics is not finalised. I am keen to get back to Italy and train with my coach. The areas that I will be working on are simple. I plan to keep reworking on the basics and get my movements and timing right. Plus I have to work on fitness," revealed Bhavani.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

DISCOVERY PLUS

In a watershed season for Indian cricket, as many 10 debuted across formats. Here's a brief look at how they performed...

T NATARAJAN
Made his debut in all three formats with decent returns. Going forward, could be Jasprit Bumrah's death overs partner in the T20 WCs. But has to back up a fine first season with another good show in IPL next month.

ISHAN KISHAN
A player who doesn't take long to get going, a modern batsman who believes in boundary hitting as opposed to taking the ones and twos. Also handy because of two reasons a) can be used a floater, b) treats spinners with disdain.

SHUBMAN GILL
Very stylish bat, handled himself well in Australia. What caught the eye was the amount of time he had to play his shots. Will likely walk out with Rohit Sharma in the WTC final against New Zealand in June.

PRASIDH KRISHNA
Showed immense mental strength to come back after the tonking in the first ODI. But lots of scope for improvement because the line and length he bowls invites batsmen to hit him over the top. Can also do with developing a yorker.

MOHAMMED SIRAJ
Served both rookie as well as leader of the pace bowling unit. Does possess pace as well as decent swing that can trouble batsmen overseas. Also seems to have the valuable trait of picking up wickets regularly.

KRUNAL PANDYA
A direct beneficiary of Jadeja's absence and made a passable impression with a handy runs in the first ODI. His bowling though didn't pass the test. Saying that, the ODI series wasn't kind on the Indian spinners who disappeared for plenty.

SURYAKUMAR YADAV
Even if his debut was belated, his maiden innings was a reminder of India's depth. Is excellent against pace and spin but his most valuable skill is his acceleration. He doesn't waste many balls up top.

NAVDEEP SAINI
Another in the long conveyor belt of young Indian pacers knocking on the door. Did okay in Australia before fading in the home season. A good season with RCB could do wonders to his white ball chances in the short term.

AXAR PATEL
Must think that Test cricket is a walk in the park after his stunning returns in Ahmedabad. India could genuinely think about fielding Ravindra Jadeja, Axar and R Ashwin in home Tests, especially on spinning tracks.

WASHINGTON SUNDAR
Morphed into a batting all rounder by the time season was done. His skill set — lower order runs under pressure — is extremely handy. That he can be used up the order, even as an opening batsman, in red-ball cricket is exciting.

After injury blow that kept him away for almost a year, Kumar delivers in shorter formats, targets red-ball comeback in England

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

WHEN Bhuvneshwar Kumar picked up a thigh injury in the middle of the IPL 2020, a blow which made him miss the entire Australia tour, he was staring at an uncertain future. From being a regular for India across all formats, multiple injuries that he suffered starting with the 2019 World Cup kept him in the sidelines. But the 31-year-old has served a timely reminder that he's here to stay.

The Indian team had almost moved on from Kumar. They had already done so long back in Tests, and with Deepak Chahar rising through the ranks, Kumar needed to win back his spot. It was never about the skill set. There are very few who can match Kumar's artistry with the ball, especially in conditions that aide movement.

With Mohammed Siraj, Navdeep Saini, Shardul Thakur, T Natarajan grabbing the opportunities, the question that came up was will India go back to Kumar? Amidst all the euphoria that India went through, they didn't forget the reason behind their lone series defeat they suffered since the restart. Their two ODI defeats Down Under were caused not just because they were undercooked. They had failed to take wickets with the new ball, which made their spinners to resort to defensive tactics, a move that had proved costly. Picking up wickets with new ball was Kumar's job, a task he has delivered on a consistent basis.

When India were busy making history in Australia and facing England in Tests at home, Kumar took the field for Uttar Pradesh in Vijay Hazare Trophy, reassuring the Indian team management that he is willing to toil hard. The workload management and the hard part of living in the bubble meant, India were always going to rest Jasprit Bumrah, which provided them with an chance to test Kumar, physically and skill wise in the limited-overs against England.

And at the end of it, the 31-year-old has aced the test. He played all the five T20Is and also featured in all the ODIs. With his body back to complimenting him, Kumar didn't waste any time in executing

his skill set. Although he didn't get as many wickets in the T20Is, his economy of 6.38 was lowest among both teams for any bowler who bowled at least 10 overs. Having found his rhythm, he was almost back to his usual best in the ODIs, against an England side that knows only to move in the fifth gear.

Bowling against two of the most destructive openers and operating at the death, Kumar's economy rate in the ODIs was 4.65 on flat decks where both teams scored over 300 in each of their innings. Had he not removed Jason Roy and Jonny Bairstow on Sunday, the end result could have been different.

"I don't decide on the long term future. Whenever I have in the past, things haven't gone my way, whether it's due to injury or form. Workload management is something I will focus on and the team management also tries and does its best. I was unfit for a long time, so I realized that fitness is something I have to maintain if I want to play regular cricket," Kumar said.

The second wind he has found now gives India the hope that if he maintains his fitness, Kumar will be an added strength to the pace attack. With six Tests scheduled in England after the IPL, including the World Test Championship final, where the conditions will be to his liking, Kumar could have a big role to play. "Whatever preparation happens from my side will happen with red-ball cricket in mind. That's different from what will happen in team selections, but my training and workload during the IPL will happen with Test cricket in mind. I want to play Test cricket going forward."

EXPRESS READ

India suffer 0-6 loss against UAE in friendly

DUBAI: India suffered an embarrassing 0-6 rout at the hands of formidable United Arab Emirates — their heaviest defeat against the Gulf side — in the second international football friendly here on Monday. India did not even get a single shot on target in one of their most forgettable encounters.

Spain's Olmo hits late winner, Denmark score 8

PARIS: Dani Olmo's injury-time strike helped Spain beat Georgia 2-1 win on Sunday, while France rebounded from an opening draw in World Cup qualifying by beating Kazakhstan. Denmark managed to score eight goals against Moldova. Elsewhere, England, Italy and Germany all had to work hard in the Balkans to gain their second victories in two matches.

Karnataka knocked out of Women's one-day trophy

BENGALURU: Karnataka have been knocked out of the BCCI women's one-day trophy after their loss to Jharkhand by 20 runs in the quarterfinals at Saurashtra Cricket Stadium on Monday. Half-centuries from Indrani Roy (86) and Rashmi (76) helped Jharkhand score 254/6. In reply, Karnataka were all out for 234 as Shubha Satheesh's (68) innings did not prove to be enough.

KSFA's Futsal League by April end or early May

BENGALURU: The Karnataka State Football Association is set to conduct their inaugural Futsal League by April end or early May. The venue has not been decided yet. The state body is hopeful that some quality clubs from the state will come forward and participate. Team, which wins the KSFA Futsal League, will feature in the AIFF Club Futsal Championship as well.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARUNKUMAR VIRUPAXAPPA JIGAJINNI** S/o **VIRUPAXAPPA JIGAJINNI** R/at No.A402, Sekhar Olympus, Sir M.Vishveshwaraya Road, Horamavu Agra, Bangalore-560043 have changed my name to **ARUNKUMAR JIGAJINNI** vide affidavit 27/3/2021 Before Notary **Shaik Mahaboob** Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. GOWRAMMA K S**, W/o Mr. Srinivasa K S, Presently R/at # 116, 6th Main Road, Balaji Layout, Hongasandra, Near Lakshmi Venkateshwara Temple, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560068, Karnataka, India, hereby declare that my correct and detail date of birth **18.12.1961** (asper mentioned in my PAN CARD No. BWJPG5427P and Aadhar Card No. 4961 4290 9505, and mentioned in my ID Card is incorrect i.e., **01.01.1973**. vide affidavit dated 27.03.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **JAIN SWARNAMALA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NEDYAKALAYIL SKARIAH SALIKUTTY,** W/o.Late.Stephen, R/a, No.17, 1st Floor, C-2 Block, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Vishwanagar, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru-560097, have changed my name from **NEDYAKALAYIL SKARIAH SALIKUTTY** to **SALI STEPHEN,** vide affidavit dated: 27/03/2021, sworn to before Notary Public, S.R. Ravikumar, Bangalore. Henceforth I shall be known as SALI STEPHEN, for all future purpose.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, BINNY, W/o. Bharath Joshi, aged about 39 years, residing at No. G-4, Vintha Paradise, Green Glen Layout, Bellandur, Bengaluru - 560103, Karnataka, India, Shall henceforth be known as **BINNY JOSHI**, vide affidavit dated 29-03-2021, before notary B M Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VARADARAJA M** R/at No.5 5th cross 7th main 7th Block 4th Phase, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru- 560085, Karnataka have changed my name to **VARADARAJ M** vide affidavit dated:24/3/2021 Before Notary **N.Nagappa** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHITRA,** daughter of Muneshwar Thakur resident of SMQ 246/1, 7th Camp, Air Force Station, Jalahalli East, Bangalore 560014, have changed my name from **CHITRA** to **CHITRA KUMARI**, vide Affidavit Dated 26-03-2021 Before Advocate and Notary **S. PRAKASH**, Reg No. 7865/09 Bangalore Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) POOJENDRA KUMAR.R, residing at No. 66, New No. 18/80, Kogilu Village, Bangalore North, Yelahanka Post, Bengaluru -560064, Karnataka, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) POOJENDRA KUMAR.R** to **(NEW NAME) PUJENDRA KUMAR.R** vide affidavit Dated 29/03/2021 sworn before Notary K.Ramegowda, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, AKBAR, S/o. Imamsab, Residing at No. 41, 2nd Main Road, 11th Cross, Ananda School Near, B K Nagara, Yeswanthpura, Bengaluru 560022, state that my correct name is **AKBAR** but in My Driving Licence my name is wrongly mentioned as **MOULALI,** I Further Declare That My Correct Name is **AKBAR** Vide Affidavit Dated 26.03.2021 Sworn Before Notary Chandrakala, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **S. RAMA MOHAN @ RAMA MOHAN RAO,** S/o late Sakhamuri Pandurangarao, aged about 44 years, R/at No. 917/1, Vinayakanagar, 6th Main, Opp: COD Quarters, K.S. Town, Bangalore-560060, have changed my daughter's name from **R. TEJASWINI** to **S. SAI TEJASVI**, vide affidavit dated 29.03.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **RAVIKUMAR .V,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **UMADEVI SHARMA** (New Name), aged about 59 years, W/o K.R. Prabhakaran, R/a No. 405, Hebited Ceder Apartments, Thindlu Main Road, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560097, have changed my name from **UMA DEVI PRABHAKARAN** (Old Name) to **UMADEVI SHARMA** (New Name), vide affidavit dated 29-03-2021, before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VELANKANNI S.L Spouse of No. 15318168A HAV BONEFAS. A, Residing at No. 142, 6th Cross, Jai Jawan Nagar, Banaswadi, Bengaluru - 560 033, have changed my name from
VELANKANNI S.L to
VELANKANNI BONE FAS
vide affidavit dated 25.03.2021 sworn before notary UDAY KUMAR .K, Bangalore,

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, ANJALI .A, D/o. Anthony Swamy, Residing at No. C-41/5, JNCA-4, Behind JNC Guest Room, JNC Servant Quarters, IISC Campus, Bengaluru - 560012, state that my correct name is **ANJALI .A,** But In My Baptism Register My Name is Wrongly Mentioned As **ANGELI.** I Further Declare That My Correct Name is **ANJALI.A** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.03.2021 Sworn Before Notary Kundan Babu.M, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAHESH JOVAPPA,** S/o Baburao Jovappa, aged about 40 years, R/at No. Flat No. 408, 4th Floor, Aakarshan Athena Apartment, Chikkathoguru, Bengaluru-560100, have changed my name from **MAHESH** to **MAHESH JOVAPPA,** vide affidavit dated 29.03.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **T. MALLIKARJUNA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CATHERINE,** aged 30 years, W/o Mr. Alexander and D/o Mr. James & Mrs. Leena, R/a No. 63, 4th Main, Near BEML Hospital, G.M. Palya, Bengaluru-560075, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CATHERINE** to **SHAMINI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHAMINI** only, vide affidavit dated 29-03-2021, sworn before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DORAISWAMY SYAMA RAJU, S/o. Nallur Doraiswamy Raju, aged 49 years, resident of # 14, Flat No.D1, 1st Floor, Vruksha Apartments, 16th Cross, East Park Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 055, have changed my Daughter's name from **SYAMA PURVI** to **PURVI RAJU** vide affidavit dated: 27/03/2021 sworn before Notary Public, K.P. Ramesh, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SAMUEL.S, residing at No. A-4, J N C A S R Staff Housing Colony, Srirampura Cross, Jakkur, Bengaluru-560064, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **KATHRIN.S** to **ARNITHA SAMUEL** Vide Affidavit Dated 29.03.2021 Sworn Before Notary Chandrakala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SATHEESH KUMAR .S**, aged about 44 years, S/o Santhana Gopalan, R/at 11th Main, 10th Cross, Near Vidya Jyothi School, Hongasandra, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka-560068, have changed my name from **SATHEESH KUMAR** to **SATHEESH KUMAR .S**, vide affidavit dated 29.03.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **DHARANI .P,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHIRESHA,** aged about 36 years, D/o Smt. Jansi, R/a No. 22, Veerabhadra Nagar, Bangalore-560085, do hereby inform that I have changed the name of my husband from **NAZIR AHMED** to **RAJESH** with immediate effect and have sworn in vide affidavit signed by the notary dated 24-03-2021 by **O.S. CHENGAPPA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) ABHISHAK.A, residing at No. 30, 6th Main, B.G.Road, New Gurapanapalya, Bangalore-560029, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ABHISHAK.A** to **(NEW NAME) ABHISHEK.A** vide affidavit Dated 29/03/2021 sworn before Notary B.G.Sriram, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SAMUEL.S, residing at No. A-4, J N C A S R Staff Housing Colony, Srirampura Cross, Jakkur, Bengaluru-560064, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **MARY BASILICAS.S** to **ADVIKA RAMYA** Vide Affidavit Dated 28.03.2021 Sworn Before Notary Chandrakala, Bangalore.

IN THE COURT OF THE 30th ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE
C.MISC NO. 1648 OF 2020
BETWEEN: Sri. M. Devaraja, S/o M. Munivenkatappa Aged about 43 years R/a at No.12, Sri sai Jyothi Lay-out, 1st Main road, Singanayakanahalli Village and Post, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk..**PETITIONER**
AND:
The Commissioner, The Chief Registrar of Birth and Deaths, ..RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE
WHEREAS the petitioner has instituted the above C Misc. case against respondents for register the date of death of petitioner's grandfather late **Sri. Chikkamuniyappa S/o late Gullapapanna @ GullaPapaiah** died on **03.06.2010** in his residence. The petitioner was looking after him during his life time. If anybody interested, they are hereby to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a pleader **on the 27/04/2021 at 11.00 clocks** to answer the same before this Hon'ble Court, failing which case will be heard and passed an appropriate order
Given under my hand and the seal of this Court 25th day of March 2021.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristedar
XXX ACMM COURT, Bangalore City
Address: **Govindaswamy,** Advocate, No. 12,1st Floor, 10th Cross, Cubbonpet Bangalore 560002

PUBLIC NOTICE
Our clients have entered into an Agreement to purchase Immovable Property bearing **BBMP Vacant Site No.6AM-422, 2nd Block, HRBR Layout, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.88 (Banaswadi), PID No.88-254-6-6AM-422, site measuring 2403.15 Sq.ft (earlier BDA Site No.6AM-422, 2nd Block, Hennur Road, Banaswadi Road, Bangalore),** from **(1) Mr. PRATHIST KEMPEGOWDA,** and **(2) Mr. VASIST KEMPEGOWDA,** both sons of Mr. K. Narayanagowda, having obtained the same vide Registered Gift Deed dated 20.12.2017, document No. SHV-1-05998/2017-18, from their Grand father Mr. H.K. Kempaiah. If any person/s are having any objections or claims in respect of the above sale the same be lodged with documentary proof within **7 days** from today failing which our client will get the Sale Deed registered and it shall be deemed there are no claims of any nature whatsoever.
K.M.A.PERES, VIREN MICHAEL PERES
Advocates, No. 46/1-1, Wheeler Road, Bangalore - 560005. Mobile : 9845000414
E-mail : peresoffice@gmail.com

BHS HIGHER EDUCATION SOCIETY
 # 35/1, 11th Main, IV Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 011.
Tel. No : 080 26632871 / 26631735 / 22447572
Date : 29.03.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION
Sealed tenders are invited from reputed Civil Contractors for the work of **"Expansion Joint Treatment and Water Proofing Works"** in a building in our Education complex in R.V. Road. Interested Contractors may collect the tender forms and specifications from the Management Office of BHS Higher Education Society, 11th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560 011, with a requisition letter in their Company's / Contractor's letter heads on working days between 10.00 am and 4.30 pm within one week from the date of this advertisement. **Sealed tenders should reach the undersigned on or before 10.4.2021.**

Estimated cost of the Project : ₹. 30 lakhs.

Sd/-
N. B. Bhat
Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that, if the under signed person is executed General Power of Attorney in favor of **M/S. DEVI INFRA AND LAND DEVELOPERS,** Registered Partnership Firm, Having its registered office at MRR Square No.314, 2nd Floor, Flat No.4, HIG 'A' Sector, Chikkabommasandra Cross, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064. Represented by its Managing Partner **SRI S.R. GANGADHAR** registered on 22-11-2017 vide document No. NR-4-00323/2017-18, Book-4, Stored in CD No.GNRD136 in the office of the sub registrar, Ganganagar, Bangalore in respect of the property bearing Survey No.62, Suradenapura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North (Addl) Taluk.
In these circumstances, the general public are cautioned not to deal with the said **M/S. DEVI INFRA AND LAND DEVELOPERS,** Represented by its Managing Partner **SRI S.R. GANGADHAR** in respect of my aforesaid property and if any person deals with him herein after, they would be liable face civil and criminal consequences.
Sd/- SRI SUBRAMANI .N,
Son of Sri V. Nagarajappa, R/at No. 5, Venkateshapura Village, Jakkur Post, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North (Addl) Taluk, Bangalore-560064.

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public is informed that, Mrs.Rachna Srivastava W/o. Late Mr.Juno Srivastava, has lost the original Sale Deed dated 09.06.2003, executed by A. Ashok Reddy and Others rep by their duly constituted attorney M/s Celebrity Housing rep by its Partners Mr. M. Anantha Rama Reddy and Flt. Lt. (Retd.) Mr. P. Karunakar Reddy as Vendors and M/s Celebrity Housing rep by Mr. M. Anantha Rama Reddy and Flt. Lt. (Retd.) Mr. P. Karunakar Reddy as Confirming Party, pertaining to SITE No.37, carved out of (i) converted lands measuring 10 Acres and 10 Guntas in Sy No. 93/1 & 93/2 (ii) converted lands measuring 3 Acres and 10 Guntas in Sy No. 93/2 (iii) converted lands measuring 14 Guntas in Sy No.93/2 all situated at Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Site measuring East to West: 45 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, boundaries: E – 20 ft Road, W – Site No.35, N – Site No.38 & S – Road, registered as Document.No.4906/03-04 in Book-I, stored in CD.No.109, Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk. A Complaint is lodged in Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police, dated:08/03/2021 (Lost Report. No. 066635/2021), Finders may return the same to the above said Police Station or contact in below address.
Santhosh G.R., BAL.LL.B Legal Consultant, GR Associates, #149/44-1, I Floor, Byrasandra Main Road, Jayanagar 1st Block East, Near SBI, Bangalore-560 011. Phone:08048146700, Mobile:7760056700.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
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Canara Bank (Erstwhile Syndicate)
SSIT College, Kunigal Road, Tumkur Dist.- Tumkur
Karnataka - 572105 Phone: 0816-2201020
Email: cb12007@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE
AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ON LINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Canara Bank, SSIT (Erstwhile Syndicate), Tumkur Dist Branch,** will be sold **"As is where", "As is what is" and " Whatever there is" on 31.04.2021 10.30 AM TO 11.30 AM** for recovery of **Rs. 93,63,625.69 /- under Loan No 20078320000047 and Rs. 90,88,310 /- under Loan No 20078320000066** plus interest and cost with further interest/charges due to the **Canara Bank, SSIT (Erstwhile Syndicate), Tumkur Dist Branch,** from **Pampanagowda (Borrower)** S/o Late Sri Rudra Gowda Gajiganahalu Siriguppa Bellary Dist Karanataka. **R P Veeresh Gowda (Mortgagor)** S/o R P Pompanagowda #204 Mithra Apartment Ramanshree California Gardens Yehalanka New Town Bangalore

The Reserve Price & Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **27.04.2021 at 5.00 pm** by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer **Canara Bank, SSIT (Erstwhile Syndicate), Tumkur Dist Branch,** or through online payment to **Account No. 5141296000001, (IFSC Code CNRB00005141)** the description of the property is as under.

Details of property:

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property Site No 29, BBMP Kahtha No 1219/1989/1/1219/29 Situated At Attur Village (Interior), Yehalanaka Hobli, Bangalore Measuring EW 98 + 96/2 Feet, NS 99 + 98/2 Feet In All Measuring 9554.5 Sq Ft.

Item No 1: Residential Apartment Bearing No.202(W),3 BHK In The First Floor Of The Apartment Building Known As"Mithra Apartment" With A Super Built Area Measuring 1431 Sq Ft One Covered Car Parking In The Stilt/Basement Floor Constructed In The Schedule "A" Property Including Proportionate Share In Common Area Such As Passage, Lobbies, Staircase Etc. With All Basic Amenities In The Name of R P Veeresh Gowda And Bounded By: East – Site No 28, West – 201 (E), North- Ananthpura Village Boundary, South- 203 (N)
Reserve Price: Rs.78.29 Lakhs **EMD – Rs.7.89 Lakhs**

Item No 2: Residential Apartment Bearing No.302(W),3 BHK In The Second Floor Of The Apartment Building Known As"mithra Apartment" With A Super Built Area Measuring 1431 Sq Ft One Covered Car Parking In The Stilt/Basement Floor Constructed In The Schedule "A" Property Including Proportionate Share In Common Area Such As Passage, Lobbies, Staircase Etc. With All Basic Amenities In The Name Of R P Veeresh Gowda And Bounded By: East – Site No 28, West – 301 (E), North- Ananthpura Village Boundary, South- 303 (N)
Reserve Price: Rs.78.29 Lakhs **EMD – Rs.7.89 Lakhs**

Item No 3: Residential Apartment Bearing No.401(W),3 BHK In The Third Floor Of The Apartment Building Known As "mithra Apartment" With A Super Built Area Measuring 1431 Sq Ft One Covered Car Parking In The Stilt/Basement Floor Constructed In The Schedule "A" Property Including Proportionate Share In Common Area Such As Passage, Lobbies, Staircase Etc. With All Basic Amenities In The Name of R P Veeresh Gowda And Bounded By: East – 402(W) West – Private Property, North- Ananthpura Village Boundary, South- 404 (N)
Reserve Price: Rs.78.29 Lakhs **EMD – Rs.7.89 Lakhs**

The incremental value of the properties mentioned above will be in multiples of **Rs.1,00,000/-**
Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website **www.canarabank.com or Canara Bank (Erstwhile Syndicate) SSIT College, Kunigal Road Tumkur Dist.- Tumkur Karnataka - 572105. Phone: 0816-2201020. EMAIL: cb12007@canarabank.com** or **www.bankeauctionwizard.com and M/s Antares Systems Limited, Contact Person Mr. Manohar V, Mobile: 09686196756, 080-49352000, Email: manohar.s@antaressystems.com Website: https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com during office hours on any working day.**

Place: Tumkur
Date : 29.03.2021
Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank

Adults with periodontitis, a severe gum infection, may be significantly more likely to have higher blood pressure compared to individuals who had healthy gums, a new study revealed. The findings, published in *Hypertension*, indicate that diagnosis of gum disease was associated with higher odds of hypertension.

EXFILE • ARCHAEOLOGY

Bulldozing Libya's ancient treasures

The spectacular ruins of the ancient Greek city of Cyrene survived Libya's 2011 revolution and an ensuing decade of lawlessness, but today they face new threats in the form of plunder and bulldozers. A look at it...

631 BC
Founded in the seventh century BC, Cyrene "was one of the principal cities in the Hellenic world", according to the UN's cultural agency UNESCO. "A thousand years of history is written into its ruins," it said

323 BC
After it came under the influence of Ptolemaic Egypt, Cyrene became one of the intellectual centres of the world at that time, with a medical school and hosting philosophers such as Aristippus

74 BC
The territory was formally transformed into a Roman province

642 AD
After Arab conquest, the Greek city was mostly destroyed

30%
Ismail Dakhil, an official at the museums department of eastern Libya, says as much as 30 per cent of the ancient city may have been built on

"There has been graffiti on the ancient ruins, and lots of informal digs, where antiquities are dug up and smuggled out of the country," Dakhil said

2016
UNESCO added Cyrene and four other sites in Libya to its List of World Heritage in Danger

HERITAGE DESTROYED

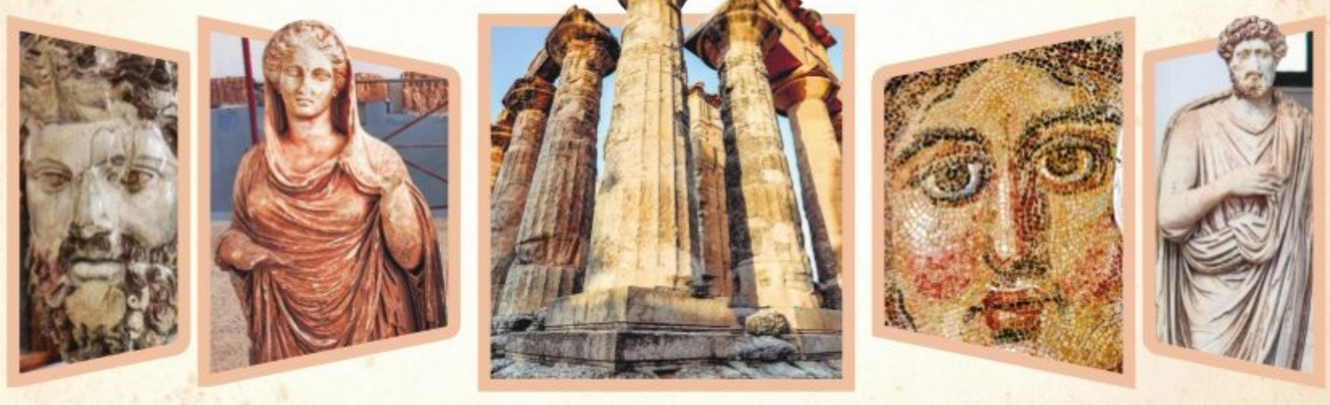
Yet beyond the fence marking out the protected part of Cyrene, residents of modern-day Shahat are taking possession of lands held in trust by the state, then selling them on to property developers

Other areas are being dug up by treasure-seekers hoping to smuggle looted artefacts to sell abroad

"Some people are coming in and bulldozing areas containing artefacts, dividing them and selling them, then building housing blocks on top of these priceless sites," said Adel Abu Fejra, of the Cyrene department of antiquities

LOCATION

Cyrene lies between the Egyptian border and Benghazi, one of the key cities that rose up against dictator Moamer Kadhafi in 2011. The country has since fallen into anarchy and violence which sparked fears for its ancient heritage



(From left) Greek sculpture of the head of Zeus, which is on display at the Cyrene Museum in the ruins of Libya's eastern ancient city of Cyrene, a female Roman sculpture, the Temple of Zeus in Cyrene, a view of a mosaic of Medusa, and a Greco-Roman sculpture | AFP

Megaship set free, Suez Canal reopens

Salvage teams, high tides help refloat vessel that had halted trade

TRADE

SUEZ: Salvage teams on Monday set free a colossal container ship that has halted global trade through the Suez Canal, bringing an end to a crisis that for nearly a week had clogged one of the world's most vital maritime arteries.

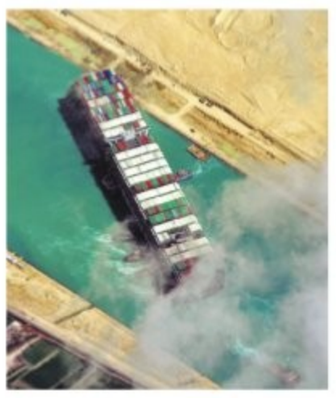
Helped by the peak of high tide, a flotilla of tugboats managed to wrench the bulbous bow of the skyscraper-sized Ever Given from the canal's sandy bank, where it had been lodged since last Tuesday.

After hauling the fully laden 220,000-ton vessel over the canal bank, the salvage team was pulling the vessel toward the Great Bitter Lake, a wide stretch of water halfway between the north and south end of the canal, where the ship will undergo technical inspection, canal authorities said.

Satellite data from MarineTraffic.com confirmed that the ship was moving away from the shoreline toward the center of the artery. Video released by the Suez Canal Authority showed the Ever Given being escorted by the tugboats that helped free it after nearly a week of chaos.

"We pulled it off!" said Peter Berdowski, CEO of Boskalis, the salvage firm hired to extract the Ever Given, in a statement. "I am excited to announce that our team of experts, working in close collaboration with the Suez Canal Authority, successfully refloated the Ever Given ... thereby making free passage through the Suez Canal possible again."

The obstruction has created



A satellite image shows Ever Given container ship being pushed by tugboats in Suez Canal on Monday | AFP

a massive traffic jam in the vital passage, holding up $9 billion each day in global trade and straining supply chains already burdened by the coronavirus pandemic.

It remained unclear when traffic through the canal would return to normal. At least 367 vessels, carrying everything from crude oil to cattle, have piled up on either end of the canal, waiting to pass.

Data firm Refinitiv estimated it could take more than 10 days to clear the backlog of ships. Meanwhile, dozens of vessels have opted for the alternate route around the Cape of Good Hope at Africa's southern tip — a 5,000-kilometer detour that adds some two weeks to journeys and costs ships hundreds of thousands of dollars in fuel and other costs.

The freeing of the vessel came after dredgers vacuumed up sand and mud from the vessel's bow and 10 tugboats pushed and pulled the vessel for five days, managing to partially refloat it at dawn.

It wasn't clear whether the Ever Given, a Panama-flagged, Japanese-owned ship hauling goods from Asia to Europe, would continue to its original destination of Rotterdam or if it would need to enter another port for repairs.

Ship operators did not offer a timeline for the reopening of the crucial canal, which carries over 10 per cent of global trade, including sevent per cent of the world's oil. Over 19,000 ships passed through last year.

Millions of barrels of oil and liquified natural gas flow through the artery from the Persian Gulf to Europe and North America. Goods made in China bound for Europe also must go through the canal, or else take the detour around Africa.

The unprecedented shutdown had threatened to disrupt oil and gas shipments to Europe from the Middle East and raised fears of extended delays, goods shortages and rising costs for consumers.

The salvage operation successfully relied on tugs and dredgers alone, allowing authorities to avoid the far more complex and lengthy task.

> **We pulled it off! I am excited to announce that our team of experts, working in close collaboration with the Suez Canal Authority, successfully refloated the Ever Given ... thereby making free passage through the Suez Canal possible again.**
>
> Peter Berdowski, CEO of Boskalis

FACT OF THE MATTER

Suitcase with 185 tortoises

WILDLIFE

Staff at an airport on the Galapagos Islands found 185 tortoises in a suitcase that was heading for Ecuador's mainland, environment authorities said on Sunday. The discovery was made "during a routine inspection," the environment ministry said on Twitter, adding that police were investigating. Trafficking fauna off the Galapagos Islands is a crime punishable by between one and three years in prison. The islands are a protected wildlife area and home to unique species of flora and fauna. They lie 1,000 kms west of Ecuador. On Twitter, Environment Minister Marcelo Mata said these crimes against Ecuadorans' wild fauna and natural heritage. The Islands' star attraction are their giant tortoises, which arrived on the volcanic islands four million years ago.

Garbage piles up in Tunisia

ENVIRONMENT

Dozens of Tunisian activists protested in the port city of Sousse on Sunday to demand the return of nearly 300 containers of household waste illegally imported from Italy. Tunisian customs officials last summer seized 282 containers that had been shipped from Italy in the guise of plastic scrap for industrial recycling. But the containers were found to contain household waste, which is barred from import under Tunisian law. Rome had given the Italian firm that sold the refuse up until last week to retrieve the cargo, but the deadline passed without it doing so, court official Jabbeur Ghnimi said on Thursday. On Sunday, campaigners gathered at the eastern city's port to demand the trash be repatriated.

Coffee waste for forest recovery

ENVIRONMENT

NEW YORK: Coffee pulp, a waste product of coffee production, could be used to speed up tropical forest recovery on post agricultural land, suggests a new study. In the study published in the journal 'Ecological Solutions and Evidence', the team spread 30 dump truck loads of coffee pulp on a 35-40m area of degraded land and marked out a similar sized area without coffee pulp as a control.

"The results were dramatic", said lead researcher Rebecca Cole from the US. "The area treated with a thick layer of coffee pulp turned into a small forest in only two years while the control plot remained dominated by non-native pasture grasses."

After only two years, the coffee pulp treated area had 80 per cent canopy cover compared to 20 per cent in the control area. The canopy in the coffee pulp area was also four times taller than that of the control area. The addition of the half metre thick layer of coffee pulp eliminated the invasive pasture grasses which dominated the land.

Bihar first state to have 2 green towns

ENVIRONMENT

PATNA: If everything goes as per plan, Bihar is set to become the country's first state to have two green energy efficient towns in Rajgir and Bodh Gaya. The towns will start getting solar energy through the first of its kind renewable energy project from 2023.

After Rajgir and Bodh Gaya, Patna's many important government offices including the governor house, the Patna High Court, the Bihar Museum and the Vidhyut Bhawan would also get round the clock green energy supply being developed with the help of the Solar Energy Corporation of India.

To implement this poject, the state government has decided to use the land available in Lakhisarai and Bhagalpur district to construct solar energy plants. Confirming this, Bihar's secretary of energy Sanjeev Hans said that the 500-megawatt solar energy plants will be set up at Lakhisarai and Bhagalpur. "The Solar Energy Corporation of India has agreed to provide green energy and develop the system. The project will get started by June 2023," Hans said.

He also said that the excess solar energy generated through the proposed plants will also be used to run the turbines for water supply and other power-driven works. **ENS**

GETTING GLIMPSE OF LAVA

Hikers photograph each other on the site of an eruption of a volcano on the Reykjanes Peninsula in Iceland on Sunday | AFP

Will deliver vax to Europe on Apr 19: J&J

MEDICINE

PARIS: Johnson & Johnson said Monday it will start delivering its single-shot Covid vaccine to Europe on April 19, giving the continent a boost as it struggles to speed up its vaccination drive.

The pharmaceutical giant's jab was approved by European regulators in mid-March, following approval of vaccines made by Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca.

Johnson & Johnson also said it has agreed to provide up to 400 million doses of its one-dose COVID-19 vaccine to African countries, starting this summer.

The drugmaker said under its agreement with the African Vaccine Acquisition Trust, the company will provide up to 220 million vaccine doses for the African Union's 55 member countries, with delivery beginning in the July-to-September quarter. The trust will be able to order 180 million additional doses from J&J, for a total of up to 400 million shots through 2022.

STRAYS DISPLACED

Animal abuse surges in Qatar; informal network of rescuers struggle for funds

FAUNA

DOHA: Freya the dog was found with "half her face blown off", Bernie was stabbed and badly burnt, Diana is struggling to raise her puppies after being riddled with pellets: strays in Qatar are facing a spike in abuse.

The Gulf nation has long struggled with animals abandoned by departing expatriates, and the number of strays has surged with dogs and cats acquired during coronavirus lockdowns being ditched as normality returns.

Rescuers now say the completion of building projects ahead of the 2022 World Cup has forced more strays into residential areas — where many fall victim to abuse. "The suffering we see is terrible and it's getting worse," said one rescuer, who receives calls almost weekly to save dogs who have been shot or deliberately run over.

A 2004 law criminalises mistreatment of animals but enforcement is inconsistent, volunteer rescuers say.

"Dogs are unbeloved" because some believe that Islam teaches that they are dirty, "which is far from the truth," one told *AFP*.

"It doesn't give you the right to torture or kill them."

Qatari rescuers and their expatriate supporters often exchange images of the latest incidents on social media.

Shootings and stabbings are commonplace. "Our vets' bills have gone through the roof," said one manager of a shelter for strays, asking not to be named. Informal networks of rescuers, some operating shelters with a few dozen spaces for abandoned animals, seek to save as many as possible — but

they are pressed for funds.

And on top of those challenges, shelters have struggled for legal recognition in the absolute monarchy, where criticism of authorities and civil society lobbying are rare.

Their lack of status complicates the shelters' work and fundraising efforts. "We have corporate sponsors willing to donate but we can't accept their money," said the shelter manager.

Possible solution

Close to the newly built Al-Thumama World Cup stadium, rescuers and a veterinarian trapped a dog that had strayed into a street of upmarket villas, disturbing homeowners.

Rescuers try to intervene in such cases before the police, so they can ensure the animals are resettled safely.

A recent government scheme to clear stray dogs from Qatar's streets prompted a rare public outcry. Animal rescue groups challenged authorities to explain how their strategy would improve the situation.

Uniformed officers posed alongside dogs caught by "Operation Pity", local media showed, but rescuers complained of an information vacuum. Hundreds of Qataris and residents posted online comments demanding proof the animals would be treated humanely, and stories were widely shared in Facebook groups dedicated to animal welfare.

One Western embassy said it has tried to engage with Qatar on animal welfare, but received little response. Rescuers have voiced fears that government-run facilities could quickly fill up and resort to euthanising dogs. They also warn that Qatar's response is unlikely to adequately address the plight of the country's strays, estimated at some 50,000.

The government insisted in a statement that "no dogs caught during the initiative have -- or will be — euthanised."

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DAY'S DIARY

Tibet to India

Tibetan spiritual leader Tenzin Gyatso, known as His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, escaped from Tibet and reached India on this day in 1959

THE JOURNEY

On March 17, 1959, as Chinese troops crushed a Tibetan rebellion, Tenzin Gyatso slipped out of the Norbulinka, his summer residence in Lhasa, and arrived in India on foot

LITTLE LHASA

He and around 20 of his entourage reached Dharamshala in the Himalayan mountains. He was followed by around 80,000 Tibetans, who settled here, giving the place the name 'Little Lhasa'

EDUCATION FOR TIBETANS

Realising the importance of modern education for the children of Tibetan refugees, he impressed upon Nehru the need to create a Special Section for Tibetan Education

'Puneeth turns a director's vision into reality'

PG 4

STARTUP WATCH

BACKSTORY
Yield Asset Real Estate Tech is a Bengaluru-based startup established in June 2020 by real estate and asset management expert Rajesh Binner, and fintech entrepreneur Riaz Maniyar. It is a prop-tech platform that enables fractional ownership of commercial spaces, with an aim to disrupt the monopoly of ultra HNIs (High Networth Individuals).

FINANCE FUNDA
The startup has raised a seed fund, which the founders were unwilling to disclose.

USP
According to the founders, the idea is to bring commercial real estate ownership to the common man. They focus on creating a friendly real estate environment to generate both passive income and long-term wealth in a stable manner in most market conditions.

TARGET AUDIENCE
It aims to target anyone who would like to own commercial real estate assets with a ticket size of ` 25 lakh.

Rajesh Binner (top) and Riaz Maniyar

MONIKA MONALISA

Phone cameras may be small but the big picture is that they are now becoming the go-to option for many shutterbugs

SMART PHO(NE)TOGRAPHY

THESE days, the smart phone is as good as several machines put together – calculator, watch, and of course, a camera. And with more advanced lenses in phones, the nature of photography has changed a lot. Photographers from different specialisations, like wildlife, wedding and macro, don't mind clicking some photographs using their smartphones instead. The size of the equipment may be becoming smaller but the scope it provides is only getting larger. The biggest perk? Accessibility, says shutterbugs.

Phone photography has become such a rage that there are now professional classes on it. Sreekumar Krishnan, who takes workshops on phone photography, can go on and on about the advantages of his favourite subject. "Phone photography is basically a point and shoot formula, which was the concept of photography when it started. It was later that complexities like zoom and other features were added. Now with phone photography, everything has come full circle again. These formats come handy during street photography," says Krishnan.

This trend has also become a game changer when it comes to lugging around equipment. Especially when phone cameras started going beyond five mega pixels. "Ever since phones like Samsung S6 and iPhone 6 came out, the cameras have been high-end. The resolutions are so good that the pictures have print quality. Phone photography might even take over other forms of photography, except for certain genres like wildlife," says Krishnan, who won the first prize at iPhone Photography awards 2019, for a picture he shot on his phone.

For Hari Prasad Vasishta, a wildlife and event photographer, it's all about taking a good picture. "Most work-related photography is done on the DSLR that I use. But during other times, you get one chance to capture a moment that won't happen again. That's when a phone camera comes handy," says Vasishta, who has been a professional photographer for the last eight years. He is also a part of many photography groups on WhatsApp and social media. "In these groups, we discuss meetups and new tricks or hacks we learned. A subject that is discussed a lot is phone photography, which is fast growing now. There's a lot to discuss when it comes to the quality and techniques used for a better frame," says Vasishta.

Besides being compact in size, phone cameras can be lighter on the wallet too. Many shutterbugs can now take up their passion without shelling out a huge sum of money on a professional DSLR. Sandhayashree Kudli got hooked to macro photography three years ago but was not keen on investing in a DSLR at that point of time. "For macro photography, you don't need to buy a camera with a big zoom lens. Now there are macro zoom lens available, which you can attach to your phone camera," says Kudli, adding, "And these lens start from a price range ₹4,000. It's definitely more economical."

JOIN THE CLUB

- Focus Photography Club (Facebook)
- Wildlife Action Photography (Facebook)
- Indian Wildlife Photography (Facebook)
- Photowalk Bengaluru (Instagram)

Smartphone photography by (1) Hari Prasad Vasishta, (2) Sandhayashree Kudli and (3) Sreekumar Krishnan

Fun and festivities

City celebs seem to have had a blast during Holi. While Anuja Chauhan posted pictures of her family with flower garlands, coloured faces and her "pink hair", Nicole Faria shared photos of her rocking some creative Holi-themed makeup. Director Prashanth Neel too posted a photo on his Instagram story of his two munchkins covered in different colours.

Full steam ahead

IPL is just around the corner and RCB captain Virat Kohli is leaving no stone unturned when it comes to game prep. The cricketer posted a video of him jogging on a treadmill and said, "No rest days. From here on its all about speed #IPL". Here's hoping ee sala cup namde!

Hit or flop? City's environmentalists, urban experts and film fraternity weigh in on the recently-proposed film city at Hesaraghatta

MONIKA MONALISA

Representational pic

REEL PROJECT, REAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTALISTS and urban planners in the city are an upset lot these days. A recent announcement about film city to be established on 150 acres of land at Hesaraghatta has garnered a lot of criticism. According to environmentalists and urban planners, the project will not just hamper the wetland but also needs better planning for a township like this.

This is not the first time the government has proposed a film city in Hesaraghatta wetland. It was first proposed in the '80s by then Karnataka chief minister, the late Ramakrishna Hegde. But four decades on, the proposal has still not taken off for various reasons. Considering that Bengaluru does not have many rivers close by, it becomes even more crucial to save these wetlands, says Bharghavi Rao, a trustee of Environment Support Group. "Any kind of wetland is a form of water body. In the past, these were sources of water bodies in cities, which have been buried to bring up bus stands, housing colonies, stadia etc," says Rao.

But the proposed project is leaving people concerned for reasons that go beyond its environmental impact. Ravichandar V, an urban expert, says one must look for dry land, and not lowland or wetland, for construction. "Moreover, when you plan a mega project like this, it has to be well integrated. How well will the connectivity be? It does not make sense if the film city is in Hesaraghatta and 90 per cent of the work force comes from Bannerghatta Road with no proper transportation facilities available," says Ravichandar.

He continues, "The next point is social infrastructure. When a township is constructed, three things that should be taken care of is living, working and leisure. If workers stay closer to film city, there should be infrastructure like school, hospitals and parks available. Earlier when places like ITI, BEL, HMP were set up, these things were taken care of."

While some members of Sandalwood feel the project might help with a studio facility, they reiterate that it shouldn't be at the cost of the environment. "It does not matter how good our real locations are. It's always good to have a studio with better facilities, where things like lighting and sound are under our control while filmmaking," says filmmaker and producer Rajendra Singh Babu. According to him, there are many reasons why a city like Bengaluru is conducive for a film city. "Apart from environmental reasons, the other aspect is that filmmaking is a creative job. The city is filled with traffic and crowds, which might not be suitable. But it's great for technical offices like sound mixing and computer gfx," he says.

Meant to be a one-stop guide to India's diverse culture and traditions, this coffee table book by FICCI FLO Bengaluru has been designed and detailed with millennials in mind

Of seasons and reasons

SANATH PRASAD

The book is a tribute to our heritage with an emphasis on our festivals and related recipes
- **Jyotika Kapoor Kalra, chairperson, FICCI FLO Blr**

THERE'S much colour and celebration involved in Indian festivals. Even as food usually takes precedence, how many actually know the significance of the festival or even a dish prepared specially on the occasion? This book called *Rtu Rasya* is meant to decode the mythological significance of 18 festivals of all faiths.

The coffee table book was launched by the Federation of Industry and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry's (FICCI) women's wing – Federation of Ladies Organisation (FLO), Bengaluru, chaired by Jyotika Kapoor Kalra. "We did not have a ready reckoner in the market for a book like this. *Rtu Rasya* is an exploration of the season, reason, tradition and the dishes associated with each festival," says Kalra about the book, which was launched by DGP of Karnataka Praveen Sood.

The building blocks for the book began during July 2020 when an all-women's team started researching, collating and editing the book. According to Kalra, the theme for 2020-21 was 'Made in India' stories. "The book is a tribute to our heritage with an emphasis on our festivals and related recipes. It is also a moment to celebrate our cultural lineage and help millennials understand their roots," says Kalra. The 278-page book is priced at ₹1,500 and the proceeds will go towards various initiatives of FICCI FLO Bengaluru Chapter.

The book explores the customs and significance of festivals, starting with a chapter on the upcoming festival of Ugadi and goes into the details of Lent, Ramadan, Deepavali, and others. **Sheetal C**, editor of the book, is not new to writing about festivals, having previously written on Sindhi festivals. "We had to condense vast amounts of information available on Indian festivals into capsules for everyone to understand, especially the youth," she says.

Moreover, this book also has myths surrounding festivals. "The book will contain what one should watch out for. We are also planning for a sequel to this book. Interestingly the announcement of the book happened during the Varalakshmi Puja day in 2020 and released on Holi," says Kalra.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

HOLI FEAST

The festive offerings at this cafe are available only for dine-in and it offers special Holi delicacies that include some varieties of Khichdi, and desserts like Gujiya, Chenna Gujiya, Coconut Gujiya and more.
When: Till March 31
Where: Justbe Resto Café, Sadashiva Nagar

CHOCO TREAT

Indulge in an eggless homemade Chocolate Pudding Parfait. The pudding is layered with pieces of fresh chocolate cake, whipped cream and chocolate shavings.
When: Ongoing
Where: Magnolia Bakery at Phoenix Marketcity

STAGE SHOW

WeMove Theatre is staging *Ond Second*, a Kannada play written and directed by Abhishek Iyengar on the occasion of World Theatre Day. The story revolves around a road accident and everything that happens before and after the said accident. **When:** March 30, 7.30pm
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar

EASTER BRUNCH

Bring in Easter with a brunch, a live band setting and an array of dishes like antipasti, cheeses of the world, fresh salads, watermelon gazpacho and pineapple, seafood station, pizza and more.
When: April 4, 12.30pm onwards
Where: CUR8, Four Seasons Hotel Bengaluru

SOLO SHOW: Swarnalatha Mahapatra is having a solo exhibition of her paintings. **WHEN & WHERE:** Till March 30; Chitrakala Parishath, Kumarakrupa Road

Wonder Woman range

SUGAR Cosmetics launches their first-ever product collaboration SUGAR X WONDER WOMAN. The range debuts a bravely-pigmented lipsticks in three finishes and two fearless mixed palettes – 24-HR Lip Lacquer, Creamy Matte Lipstick, Everlasting Matte Lipstick, Mixed Palette - 01 Cosmos Conqueror and Mixed palette - 02 Primal President. The range is priced from ₹599. **Available at:** www.sugarcosmetics.com and all SUGAR exclusive stores and kiosks

Pupper party

Pet Fed is bringing a Pupper Party at URU Brewpark. The idea behind this is to bring together pet parents over breakfast. The event will also have games for humans and dogs. These include games like Building Biscuits, Fetch, Snoopy Says, Temptation Alley etc.
When: April 4, 8-11.30am
Where: URU Brewpark, Bannerghatta Road
For reservation: 080-40511500

Pop of colour

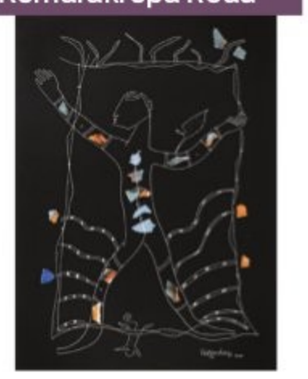
Celebrate the festival of colours with an array of dumplings, assembled using all-natural vegetable puree. The menu includes Charcoal Prawn Dumplings made using squid ink, Mandarin River Sole dumplings, Wild Mushroom Purple Dumplings and more.
When: Till March 31 **Where:** Sriracha, UB City and Indiranagar

Mediterranean delight

Foodhall's new Mediterranean Cafe Menu features Za'atar Avo Toast, Herb Mushroom Talleggio Toast, Marrakesh Couscous Bowl, and more. These new dishes can be paired them with Frozen Hot Chocolate and Passionfruit and Thyme Lemonade.
When: Ongoing
Where: Foodhall@1 MG, MG Road

RETAIL THERAPY

The Souled Store now has a new Supima collection for men and women, available in summer colours like white, peach, lavender, navy blue and pink.
Where: thesouledstore.com



Art exhibition

An exhibition of collages by S G Vasudev has been extended till this weekend.
When: Till April 3
Where: Gallery Sumukha, Wilson Garden

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

ASHGOURD HALWA

INGREDIENTS

- **Ashgourd:** 2kg ■ **Sugar:** 500g ■ **Milk powder:** 250g
- **Ghee:** 4 tbsp ■ **Cardamom powder:** 1 tsp

METHOD

- Cut and grate ashgourd.
- Cook it on medium flame till it is completely dehydrated.
- Add milk powder and sugar. Stir continuously till the mixture thickens.
- Add ghee and powdered cardamom.
- Stir well till it leaves the side the pan.
- Transfer it into a plate or bowl. Cut into pieces and serve.

— Suchitralekha Bejoy, Ernakulam

FIT BIT

TADASANA PASCHIMA BADDHA NAMASKAR

(MOUNTAIN POSE WITH ARMS BOUND)

In Sanskrit, 'tada' means mountain, 'asana' means pose, 'paschima' means west or back-facing, 'baddha' means bound or binding, and 'namaskar' means salutation. It is a chest-opener and provides a strong shoulder stretch. It is an effective preparatory pose for tadasana paschima namaskar, especially for yogis with limited flexibility in the shoulders and wrists. Like all variations, it provides physical and spiritual grounding. As a bound posture, it provides a connection between the body and mind. It boosts confidence and reduce depression. It activates the Anahata (heart) Chakra, which promotes love, forgiveness, compassion and acceptance. A balanced Anahata is essential for self-realisation.

STEPS

- Stand in Tadasana (Mountain Pose).
- Take your right arm behind your back, and hold your left arm just above the elbow.
- Bend your left arm and take it behind your back.
- Stretch both legs and imagine you are pulling the skin, muscles, and bones of your legs up to your waist.
- Hold your right arm just above the elbow with your left hand. Your grip should be firm but not tight.
- Keep your forearms pressed to your back.
- Turn your upper arms inwards slightly. Push your elbows back, but do not lift.
- Initially, hold the pose for 20-30 seconds. With practise, increase the duration to one minute.
- You should breathe evenly throughout.

BENEFITS

- Opens the wrists, arms and elbows improving flexibility.
- It encourages diaphragm breathing.
- Working on the heart chakra is a good way to calm the mind and encourage physical and spiritual grounding.
- Helps improve posture, reducing hunchback.
- A good way to soothe the heart and hence reduce depression and anxiety.
- Helps reduce aches in the shoulders, arms, wrists and fingers due to arthritis.
- A great pose to reduce tensions at the lower back and hamstrings.
- A great pose for Tennis Elbow, if done carefully.
- Considered to be a good practise in the initial stages of sciatica.

LIMITATIONS

- People suffering from any injury in the wrists, shoulder, arms and spondylitis, avoid this.
- People recovering from slip disc or any injury to the lower back, practise this pose with feet apart.
- If you are suffering or recovering from any ailment, avoid this, as there is stretch at the chest and the heart.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

DEATH, SEX & MONEY

This podcast addresses the big questions and hard choices that are often left out of polite conversation. Host Anna Sale talks to people about relationships, money, family, work and making it all count while we're here.
- On Apple Podcasts

MASTERS OF SCALE WITH REID HOFFMAN

Iconic CEOs — from Nike to Netflix, Starbucks to Slack — share the stories & strategies that helped them grow from start-ups into global brands.
- On Spotify

THIS MOVIE CHANGED ME

In each episode, host and lifelong movie fanatic Lily Percy guides guests to explore and celebrate the transformative role movies play in their lives.
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BECOMING WISE

This podcast offers depth and discovery in the time it takes to make a cup of tea. Each episode is curated from hundreds of big conversations with wise and graceful lives.
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THE YES THEORY PODCAST

Yes Theory co-founders Matt, Ammar, and Thomas are turning off the cameras and turning on the mics to reflect upon how discomfort actually might hold the keys to meaning and happiness.
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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

SAARATHI

Rukmini is forcefully taken hostage by her enemy, Pratap, who wants to marry her. When Raja, her lover and a rickshaw driver by profession, finds out, he sets out for her hometown to rescue her.
- Cast: Darshan, Deepa Sannidhi, R Sarathkumar

HUDUGARU

Prabhu, Chandru and Siddesh aspire to have a government job and try to lead a simple lifestyle. But their lives change dramatically when they attempt to unite two lovers.
- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Yogesh, Srinagar Kitty

HUBLI

A man, who is a terror to antisocial elements, loses his memory. He is chased by a policeman, who regards him as a terrorist.
- Cast: Sudeep, Rakshita

KANNUKKUL NILAVU

Gautham, a man with special needs, comes to Pondicherry. Hema, a carefree woman, befriends him and with the help of her father, who is a psychologist, unravels his horrific past life.
- Cast: Joseph Vijay, Shalini, Kaveri

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 AN ELECTION SYSTEM THAT PUTS VOTERS FIRST BY AMBER MCREYNOLDS

Voting rights expert Amber McReynolds offers a proven alternative: a new process, already happening in parts of the country, that could bring accountability, transparency and equity to the outdated and sputtering system that American democracy currently relies on.

2 WHY I PHOTOGRAPH THE QUIET MOMENTS OF GRIEF AND LOSS BY CAROLINE CATLIN

In this meditation on the intersection of life and death, photographer Caroline Catlin shares how her personal journey with loss drove her to capture the elusive moments of grace and beauty that exist even in the hardest moments imaginable.

3 POSSIBLE FUTURES FROM THE INTERSECTION OF NATURE, TECH AND SOCIETY BY NATSAI AUDREY CHIEZA

Biodesigner Natsai Audrey Chieza shares the vision behind her innovation lab, which works at the intersection of nature, technology and society to create sustainable materials and models for the future.

4 WHY I DRAW WITH ROBOTS BY SOUGWEN CHUNG

In this awe-inspiring talk, artist Sougwen Chung shows how she "taught" her artistic style to a machine — and shares the results of their collaboration after making an unexpected discovery: robots make mistakes, too. "Part of the beauty of human and machine systems is their inherent, shared fallibility," she says.

5 HIDDEN MIRACLES OF THE NATURAL WORLD BY LOUIE SCHWARTZBERG

We live in a world of unseeable beauty, so subtle and delicate that it is imperceptible to the human eye. To bring this invisible world to light, filmmaker Louie Schwartzberg bends the boundaries of time and space with high-speed cameras, time lapses and microscopes.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

AVANE SRIMANNARAYANA (Kannada)

In pursuit of solving a long-held mystery of Amaravati, Narayana - the quirky new cop in the town - has to get past a dreaded clan of dacoits and its fierce leader Jairam.
Cast: Rakshit Shetty, Shanvi Srivastava, Achyuth Kumar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

BIRBAL TRILOGY (Kannada)

A wrongly accused murderer who is helped by Advocate Mahesh Das despite of various threats faced by them during the investigation.
Cast: M.G. Srinivas, Suresh Heblikar, Rukmini Vasanth
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

PAGGLAIT (Hindi)

Widowed soon after marriage, a young woman grapples with an inability to grieve, quirky relatives and a startling discovery about her late husband.
Cast: Sanya Malhotra, Shruti Sharma, Ashutosh Rana, Sayani Gupta
- Watch on: Netflix

WEEKEND (Kannada)

Set in the modern world, the story revolves around techies with employment and ones without. Among these two groups, a techie Ajay who is raised masterfully good by his grandfather Anant Ram, will be leading a happy life. But on a particular weekend a certain mysterious things starts to unfold around these two which will change their lives and others lives too.
Cast: Milind, Sanjana Burli, Anant Nag
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

C/O KANCHARAPALEM (Telugu)

Four love stories spanning age, religion, and status unfold in a small Indian town, from a schoolboy's crush to a middle-aged bachelor's office romance.
Cast: Praveena Paruchuri, Karthik Rathnam, Praneetha Patnaik, Subba Rao
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All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

EEB ALLAY OOO (Hindi)

Hired as a monkey repeller upon moving to Delhi, a young man struggles to find his footing in his unenviable job and his place in an unforgiving world.
Cast: Shardul Bhardwaj, Naina Sareen, Mahender Nath
- Watch on: Netflix

AJJI (Hindi)

When Ajji's granddaughter is raped, she finds that the police are unable to arrest the culprit as he is a local politician's son. Ajji decides to take matters into her own hands.
Cast: Sharvani Suryavanshi, Abhishek Banerjee, Sadiya Siddiqui, Smita Tambe
- Watch on: Netflix

FOREIGN

GREY'S ANATOMY

Surgical interns and their supervisors embark on a medical journey where they become part of heart-wrenching stories and make life-changing decisions in order to become the finest doctors.
Cast: Ellen Pompeo, Chandra Wilson, James Pickens Jr, Jesse Williams
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

BOJACK HORSEMAN

Once the star of a '90s sitcom, humanoid horse BoJack Horseman decides it's time for a comeback, He wants to regain his dignity. With the aid of a human sidekick and a feline ex-girlfriend who is his agent, he sets out to make it happen.
Cast: Will Arnett, Alison Brie, Amy Sedaris, Aaron Paul
- Watch on: Netflix

GRACE AND FRANKIE

For as long as they can recall, Grace and Frankie have been rivals. Their one-upmanship comes crashing to a halt, however, when they learn that their husbands have fallen in love with each other and want to get married. As everything around the ladies is coming apart, the only thing they can really rely on is each other.
Cast: Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Martin Sheen, Sam Waterston
- Watch on: Netflix

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What happens when the heroes go rogue and start abusing their powers? When it's the powerless against the super powerful, the Boys head out on a heroic quest to expose the truth about the Seven and Vought, the multibillion-dollar conglomerate that manages the superheroes and covers up their dirty secrets.
Cast: Karl Urban, Jack Quaid, Erin Moriarty, Antony Starr
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Life in the city and the good in goodbye

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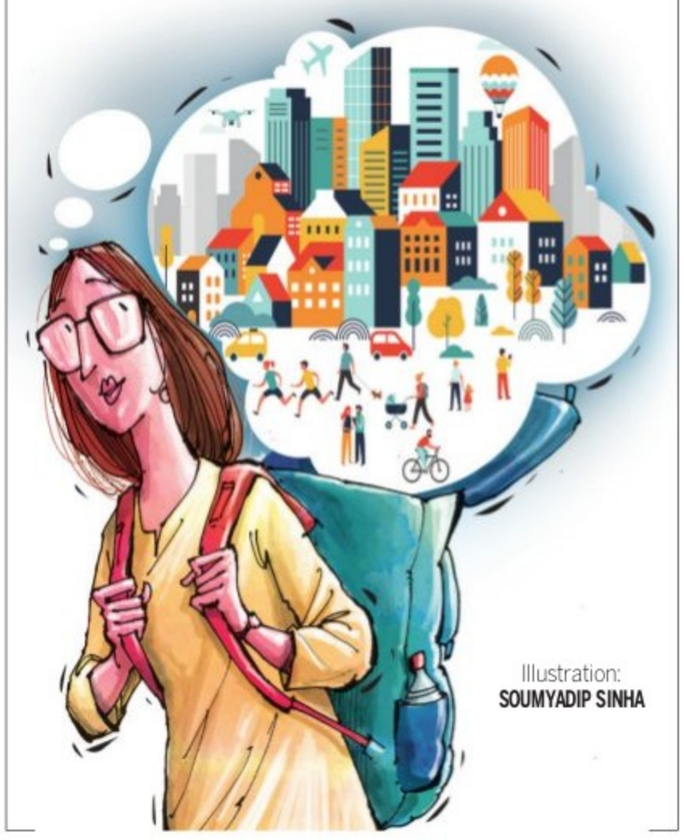
How do you bid adieu to a lovely city? Saying goodbye isn't easy when you cannot reach out and hug the one you are leaving behind, when you get no firm handshakes or a pat on the shoulder in response, when you feel like you are turning your back on someone who has been with you through challenging times, and the one being left behind is just staring back at you, calmly, promising to wait for your return, which may never happen. As I pack my belongings, discarding the junk and preserving the precious memories that I have collected over the last six years, the one thought that provides comfort through the commotion of relocation is the quote that adorned the walls of many teenagers' rooms back in the 1990s – 'It's better to have loved and lost…'

I have grown up in several cities across the country, as a child of someone who worked for the central government. So transfers and shifting houses is only a matter of familiar mundane routines such as giving away pieces of furniture, depleting the stock in the kitchen, and taking care of paperwork like school certificate and gas connection. Things have, of course, become easier with technology, and the sadness of leaving friends behind produces a smaller lump in the throat. The pandemic has made it a smoother affair, as we have all become accustomed to nurturing long-distance bonds.

So why do I continue to be struck with pangs of separation? Maybe it's because I know well that there is no place like Bengaluru. That behind the pleasant weather and tree-lined avenues lies its true goodness – its people. Those who were born here and those who embraced it as their home; those who speak Kannada at home, and those who, like me, slowly learnt how to string words together to form sentences in the language; the shopkeepers who smile at you; the parking attendants who fold their hands in greeting; the children who quietly take their place at the back of a queue, the citizens who fight for Cubbon Park and Church Street; the pub-goers who enjoy their evenings – and let others do the same – in peace.

Yes, the city has changed even in the last few years. There is more garbage strewn around, and new lofty buildings are grazing the sky now. But for the Covid-19 outbreak, I would certainly have added increased traffic mess on the list here. And yet, nothing can take away its merits. All the talk of its 'cosmopolitan character' and 'ease of living' is not without reason. There is an unseen, intangible calmness that envelops the city, an orderly ants-at-work kind of chaos, which gives you the confidence that things will be okay. Consciously or not, Bengalureans make an effort to make the city a better place each day. Some, like me, hope to become better persons themselves in the process.

I am leaving the city as a different person. Thank you, Bengaluru. You will always remain namma ooru.



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Bad posture can cause Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. Professionals succumb to such risks by not taking regular breaks, working in a poor setup

-Dr Akshata Rao

I have been working at home for a year now for seven hours a day. I have had neck pain every day. Of the seven hours, I take a break only for a few minutes

-Gowri Ramesh, brand strategist

PERILS OF PAIN-DEMIC

Working from home is proving to be a pain in the neck, literally, with medical experts reporting a spike in such complains

SANATH PRASAD

A new way of life comes with its own set of challenges. While working from home does help keep people safe from the virus, it exposes them to other problems. Working professionals are now falling prey to muscular pain, or as experts call it, repetitive stress injuries or RSI. According to Dr Sunil Kini, senior consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Manipal Hospitals, every one in three patients he now sees is a working professional complaining of stress. "Lower back pain and neck pain are the common problems that patients complain of," he says.

Case in point: Gowri Ramesh, who is working as a brand strategist. She has been working at home for a year now for seven hours a day. "I have had neck pain every day. Out of the seven hours, I take a break only for a few minutes," she says. Similarly, Badal K, who is a software engineer, says, "I have had severe upper back problems due to work from home. There is no proper logistical support to sit at home and work and the working hours also extend up to eight to nine hours a day."

According to Dr Akshata Rao, lead, rehabilitation, at Nightingales Home Health Services, Bengaluru, over the last three months about 65 per cent of patients who complained of back pain (new pain or worsening of old symptoms) were related to work from home or poor work set up. Of the total enquiries, over 75 per cent of them were related to posture problems. "Bad posture can cause Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, which is numbness and pain in the forearm. Professionals succumb to such risks by not taking regular breaks, working in a poor setup and by not handling electronic devices properly," she explains.

Dr PR Krishnan, senior consultant neurologist at Fortis Hospital, says there has been a 30 per cent jump in neck pain cases in the last four to five months. "At least four out of 10 patients visiting me showed signs of neck pain, headache and numbness in their hand," he says.

With a rise in cases again, the work-from-home life looks like it's here to stay a while longer. So, what measures can one take to ensure lesser aches and pains? Kini recommends following the ergonomic practise of working, i.e., working in a way where the risk of injury to your body is minimised. "Use an ergonomic chair with arm support. The computer should be set up at eye level. Ensure you straighten your back while working," he adds.

OTHER CONCERNS

There's more than muscular pain that one could suffer from while working from home. Dr Rao observes that sitting for prolonged hours doubles the risk of diabetes and increases the risk of heart diseases by 10-20 per cent. Medical experts also believe that working from home is also causing sleeplessness and headaches that stay for weeks together if patients do not address it immediately.

This project uses art to explore the stories of the local market in Shivanahalli

Soul of the santhe

EXPRESS FEATURES

ARTIST Ganapathy BP grew up in the bustling and developing city of Bangalore, but somewhere missed, or did not have the time to grasp as much as he'd hoped to about the way people were. He would often listen to stories of his grandparents and parents while staying in RT Nagar and enjoyed the way in which they would interact with the locals. Now, with his project called Raithara Sante, which is part of IFA Project 560's Neighbourhood Engagements programme, Ganapathy has worked on engaging with people of Shivanahalli to explore stories around the Raithara Santhe and build a connection to the area's food culture through artistic interventions. He is working on this with researcher **Bennet Doss**, and artist Vishnu Nair from the Indian Garbage Collective, who works with junk and turns it into art.

Over the last few months they have worked with different stakeholders of the Raithara Santhe, from vegetable sellers to the people who manage the santhe. "Our engagements have brought to light what it means to live a life that is in need of constant nurturing. Just as one would spend time looking after plants and flowers in their gardens, each individual that we spoke to at the santhe has their own way of growing their produce, which is also reflected in the way they lead their lives," says Ganapathy.

After getting each of these individual stories, they set out to create an artwork, encompassing all those they had spoken to. "Vishnu studied and sketched the market and the people of the sante. Then, we translated these sketches onto a larger piece that we could give back to our very own community, a reminder that our creativity came from none other than the samudaya at Santhe," says Ganapathy, who hopes that their art work will serve as a reminder to those who frequent the space.

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- Ganapathy BP, artist

CITY READ

Play on aftermath of Partition to be staged

Written by Syed Asghar Wajahat in the 1980s, *Jiss Ne Lahore Nai Dekhya…* revisits history in the aftermath of the Partition of India. Directed by Zafer Mohiuddin, this play in Hindi, with Urdu and Punjabi, will be staged in association with Karnataka Urdu Academy, Bengaluru, on April 4 at 4 and 7.30pm at Alliance Francaise, Vasanth Nagar.

New cafe opens doors in city

Araku Coffee, a luxury coffee brand from the Eastern Ghats of India, has launched their café in Indiranagar. It features a Modbar, which aims to break the barriers between baristas and customers. The two-storeyed café has a barista bar, café, coffee retail and a book store. There is also a special space for hand-brewed coffee - The Sensory Bar, where customers can witness and sample manual brews.

THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

HAVE you noticed the storm water drains in your street, or the main roads in your area? If you are living in Bangalore, or much of mainland India for that matter, you may notice that even where the roads are clean, the storm water drains get stuffed with all sorts of garbage. This includes everything from used disposable plates and cups from the nearby pani puri stall, cigarette butts and sachets of all kinds of consumables, water and other bottles, vegetable waste and what not.

Anything pretty much that people want to dispose, seems to get dumped into the drains wherever there is even the slightest opening, and there are plenty of them given the broken covers and the incomplete corners where nothing is covered. It might just be a little better in the Smart City roads where the storm water drains are well-covered and there are drains to keep away the waste from being pushed in. Even where there are bins around, it doesn't seem to change the behaviour - everyone just wants to keep the road clean enough to move on about their everyday business, and at the end of it, when the rains really come down, everything floods and it is one unholy mess affecting even things that had nothing to do with the dumping in the first place.

In our relationships too, we often do exactly that – shove what we don't need or can't deal with right away from our life, just so that we can go on with the tasks of everyday living. Do we feel our partner is being rude and nasty? Grit your teeth and push it away for now, dinner needs to get ready. Being gaslighted? Shove it away for now because it is Covid times. Feeling unhappy that there is no intimacy and barely any conversation? Brush it aside because there's much work to do for the new flat you bought.

We seem to prioritise our everyday busy lives over the real health of that life. We let things accumulate and stuff what would have been healthy ways to deal with crisis situations, and then, because not all days are sunshine and roses, the most mere sign of trouble can get everything messed up.

Half of Bangalore now is going through a major rejig with the roads being cleaned up, sidewalks and scientifically designed drains being built in such a way that no garbage can get in and it is easily serviced. It is taking a lot of time and money to do these projects. It is still worth the trouble because in the long run we know it will save us a lot of grief.

What if the roads were built to these specifications in the first place? Wouldn't that be a much better way to go about things?

Similarly, in relationships, why should we not establish these measures from the beginning? Do we have to let our lives fill with trash, get flooded and only then clear it? Can we have a Tender Sure for our relationships?

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

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'PUNEETH TURNS A DIRECTOR'S VISION INTO REALITY'

Director Santhosh Ananddraam talks to *CE* about his next release, *Yuvarathnaa* and its plot highlights, which is slated to release on April 1

A SHARADHAAA

HAVING delivered successful hits with *Mr and Mrs Ramachari* and *Raajkumara*, director Santhosh Ananddram now hopes to only raise it further with his next outing, *Yuvarathnaa*. For this he has joined hands with Puneeth Rajkumar and Hombale Films for the second time. A commercial director, his idea of filmmaking is to entertain viewers with inspirational stories — something he has followed in his first two films.

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>
> Santhosh Ananddram, actor

For his third, the director has based the subject on life, society, and centres around the injustice in the education and privatisation of schools. The film will have a mega release on April 1. While the director categorises *Yuvarathnaa* as a realistic action-entertainer, Santhosh also says it's a story narrated in a simple way that can be understood by a commoner. Which is why he feels this makes it commercially viable. "*Yuvarathnaa*, which highlights relevant and important topics, is driven with neat punch lines, solid action sequences, love and emotions, all of which make it a wholesome entertainer. It also comes with a social message. Now we have to wait and see how the masses react," he says.

The tagline of the film, 'Power of Youth', describes the story. "It is related to the plot, and underlines the importance of youth. Today, youth is connected digitally. They should be a force rather than a diversion. Youth should be motivated to head in the right direction. This is what I am trying to throw light upon," says Santhosh.

With Puneeth Rajkumar taking the lead, *Yuvarathnaa* brings together an ensemble cast and has well-known faces, including Sayyeshaa as the heroine, Dhananjay as the antagonist, along with Prakash Raj and Radhika Sarathkumar to name a few. "In a timeline of two-and-a-half hours, it is always to good to have actors communicate a story in a short period. That is why we chose big names as part of our film," explains Santhosh.

The actor-director and production house, Hombale Films, are teaming for the second time. The rapport that Santhosh, Puneeth and producer Vijay Kiragandur share has only gotten stronger. "We have mutual respect for each other which has helped. As for Puneeth, he has always been a writer and director's actor. He turns a director's vision into reality," he says.

Santhosh is associating with music director S Thaman, editor Jnaanesh B Matad, and DoP Venkatesh Anguraj. "Thaman has been a favourite of both mine and Puneeth. He is an excellent music composer, and his rerecording for *Yuvarathnaa* is completely out of the box. Editor Jnaanesh has previously worked with K M Prakash and has independently worked for *Geetha*. This is the first time he has individually handled a big film. Going forward, he can be an editor that Sandalwood can look up to. As for the cinematographer, Venkatesh Anguraj, we both had previously associated in *Raajakumara*," he says, adding that Venkatesh has "embedded a realistic subject in commercial frames" for this film.

The film is hitting around the time when the second wave of Covid-19 has hit. But amidst this, Santhosh hopes to see one change. "Encourage or guide children and youngsters based on their skills," says the director.

A still from Yuvarathnaa

'WATCHING VISHNU MADE ME FALL IN LOVE WITH MYSELF'

...says actor Shreyas Manju, about his film's trailer which was launched on Monday

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A love story like no other.. Vishnu & his Priya are here with their story. Come live in the world of #VishnuPriya (sic). This was actor Shreyas Manju's tweet while sharing the trailer of his upcoming film, which was officially launched by Puneeth Rajkumar on Monday.

The film, directed by VK Prakash, marks the debut of Malayalam actor Priya Prakash Varrier in Kannada. The trailer gives a sneak peek of the intense romantic drama set in the 1990s and revolves around Vishnu and Priya. The film is yet to be sent to the censor board, and the makers are hoping to release the film in June.

The actor watched the film at different times and reacted to *Vishnu-Priya* in different ways each time. "I watched it during the dubbing and was not able to figure the film fully. But I was excited when I watched the film at the final rec-recording stage," says a confident Shreyas, adding, "I am just one-film-old, but I don't like hearing and watching myself on silver screen. However, this time, it's a different feeling. I started loving myself and with every scene and I was hooting and whistling," he says.

Shreyas says love and intensity have always been favourite elements in a film. Whether it is romance, action or anger, he likes to include these elements. "I feel these need to be included, and such films are my forte," he says, adding that these shades will be seen in *Vishnu Priya*. The film, bankrolled by K Manju Cinemas, has music by Gopi Sundar, while the DoP has been handled by Vinod Bharati.

A still from the film

Parineeti Chopra: Thrilled to work with Anil Kapoor, Ranbir Kapoor in *Animal*

Actor Parineeti Chopra, who is all set to star in Sandeep Reddy Vanga's next film *Animal*, has said that she is thrilled to feature in the film, as it has given her the opportunity to work alongside the likes of Anil Kapoor and Ranbir Kapoor. Reportedly billed as a dark thriller, *Animal* is director Sandeep's second Bollywood film after 2019's Kabir Singh.

Parineeti told that though she can't talk about the film or her role in detail as yet, she is looking forward to sharing the screen space with the duo for the first time. "I don't sit and desperately plan that I want to work with this director or that actor. I have never done that in my career. So for me, the opportunity to be a part of 'Animal' means a lot. It is a huge honour to be a part of a film with Anil Kapoor sir and Ranbir. These are actors I've enjoyed watching and respect immensely in personal capacity. For me, working in 'Animal' will be months of learning school," she said.

Produced by Bhushan Kumar's T-Series, Pranay Reddy Vanga, Murad Khetani, and Krishan Kumar, Animal also stars Bobby Deol.

Parineeti, who is scheduled to start filming for *Animal* later this year, has had back-to-back three releases this year, starting from *The Girl on the Train* on Netflix, and *Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar* and biopic Saina — PTI

Black Adam gets a 2022 release date

CE FEATURES

Actor Dwayne Johnson has revealed that his upcoming DCEU film *Black Adam* will hit screens on July 29, 2022.

In a short advertisement before the NCAA tournament game between UCLA and Alabama, Johnson said, "The hierarchy of power in the DC universe is about to change." The actor also posted the date on Instagram, along with a video of his voiceover blasting in Times Square.

Black Adam is a spin-off film to 2019's Shazam!. *Black Adam* first appeared in DC Comics in the 1940s as a power-corrupt villain, who slowly became an anti-hero by the 2000s, and is known for his disregard of rules and conventions.

Notably, Pierce Brosnan was just recently cast as Dr Fate in the film. *Black Adam* also features Aldis Hodge as Hawkman, Noah Centineo as Atom Smasher, and Quintessa Swindell as Cyclone. *Black Adam* is directed by Jaume Collet-Serra.

Sonakshi Sinha wraps up Fallen

CE FEATURES

Sonakshi Sinha has wrapped up the shoot of her debut web-series. Tentatively titled *Fallen*, the mini-series is directed by Reema Kagti.

Sonakshi posted a series of pictures from the set on Instagram. She wrote: "As it comes to an end I dont even know where to begin! What a journey *Fallen* (thats what we're calling it for now, wait for the actual name) has been. Leaving this set with such amazing memories, new friends, bike riding skills and a heart full of happiness!"

Sonakshi thanked director Reema and producer Zoya Akhtar for the opportunity. She added, "Thank you, Reema Kagti, Zoya Akhtar for giving me Anjali Bhaati... I can't tell you how long I've waited for her. I can safely say this has been the best schedule ever for me because of this amazing team... every single person who has been a part of it... I cannot thank you enough! You know who you are."

Sonakshi plays the role of a cop in *Fallen*. The crime-drama series also stars Gulshan Devaiah and Vijay Varma.

Lalo Salamanca, Don Eladio Vuente, to return for *Better Call Saul*

CE FEATURES

The Twitter account of *Better Call Saul* confirmed the return of Lalo Salamanca, Don Eladio Vuente, and Juan Bolsa to the show's sixth and final season. Posting an image featuring actors in Tony Dalton, Steven Bauer, and Javier Grajeda in their characters, the tweet read "Just three cool, terrifying dudes." The update comes days after the show's writer, Thomas Schnauz, tweeted, "I'm just finishing the outline for the last Better Call Saul I'll ever get to write (although I might keep writing fanfic after the show is long gone)," in response to a fan, who asked about the progress of the show's final season.

As teased by the series' co-creator, Peter Gould, early in March, the final season of the acclaimed show is currently in production.